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TOWN: SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON TIME

Work to continue during school year; officials pledge it will not 'in any way disrupt' kids

By Rebecca Piro

High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools will open in time for the first day of school, Sept. 5.

That's the promise from the School Building Committee, which made the call at a special meeting Monday night. The announcement – the first definitive answer about the opening of the new schools from any committee or official involved with the \$31 million project, plagued by delays since its groundbreaking almost two years ago

PARTS OF PROJECT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME:

- kitchen
- cafeterias
- gymnasiums

PARTS OF PROJECT YET TO BE COMPLETED:

- auditorium
- landscaping, paving, playground
- classrooms (waiting on mechanical systems, floor wax, window screens, painting, cleaning)

PARTS OF PROJECT TO BE DONE ONCE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS:

- auditorium
- punch-list items (such as painting and touch-up work)

LIST ACCORDING TO MARK JOHNSON, SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND SCHOOL ARCHITECT

– was led by Chairman Mark Johnson. "I'm comfortable that both schools will be ready for the first day of classes," he said. "The planning should not be for a contingency, but for an opening."

Since officials realized that general contractor John T. Callahan & Sons would miss its completion date of June 21, members of the school administration and School Committee have been

mulling contingency plans in case the schools do not open on time. Parents of students redistricted to the new schools have expressed frustration with officials' refusal to settle on a single plan.

as well as to develop the details of that plan. Now, says School Superintendent Claudia Bach, those plans won't be necessary.

"We'll put our energy towards opening the schools. We'll just keep the (contingency plans) there in the drawer," she says.

Johnson says there is consensus on the building committee that the schools will open on time, though a *Townsmen* reporter did not speak individually to

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Andover: A player?

Patriots stadium deals seen as sign of town's cachet

By Judy Wakefield

In the thick of the hoopla surrounding the renaming of the New England Patriots home field earlier this week, was one well-known word around here.

The word is *Andover*.

CMGI – the former name for the field – is headquartered at Brickstone Square in Andover. Meanwhile, the new name is Gillette, another company with Andover ties. The giant personal care company has about 500 workers at its Burr Road manufacturing center in Ballardvale.

Then there is NaviSite, a CMGI affiliate that powers the New England Patriots Web site. That company is located in Andover's hi-tech corner on Minuteman Drive near Interstate 93.

"Well, I would call it just a coincidence," Eric Krause of Gillette's corporate headquarters in Boston said of all those mentions of Andover.

But closer to home, the local planning office was feeling a bit proud of all those Andover mentions. Having the town's name dropped when a brand new state-of-the-art sports arena is being talked about shows Andover is in the big leagues when it comes to its address.

"I'm not in a lather about it or charged up," planning director Steve Colyer chuckled. "But I do think it's neat to see Andover mentioned when we are talking about this new stadium."

He said the new name is a reflection of doing business in Andover or anywhere these days – one company's loss is another one's gain.

"Something happened to CMGI which is not good for Andover, but Gillette has been

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ARRESTING ABDUCTIONS



PHOTO BY SCOTT PROPOSKI

Officers such as Bob Cronin (left) and Ed Higgenbottom say they're willing to advise parents including Kathi Levine on how to help keep their kids and neighborhoods more safe from abductors.

Responding to high-profile kidnappings

Parents look to protect kids

By Rebecca Piro

The Levines live in a quiet Kenilworth Street farmhouse with a wide lawn, encircled by a white picket fence. But some residents say that doesn't mean they can count on living in a picture-perfect neighborhood.

"You can't expect that there's

not going to be some predator waiting," says Kathi Levine, mother of two small kids. Her heart skips a beat when she thinks about American children who have been abducted recently – and how some cases have ended in murder. "It is a different world than when we grew up. It's not

safe, and it's not going to get any safer."

The thought that abductions could happen in Andover is a scary one for residents. The thought that some of these news-making tragedies could possibly have been prevented, if the neigh-

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Forecast: Heavy meteor showers

Locals look to night sky

By Ben Hellman

Area stargazers can catch a falling star just by looking up, at the end of the weekend through the middle of next week. It's August, and that means the Perseid meteor shower will make its annual appearance, granting at least a wish a minute at the shower's peak and wowing audiences with its slow, steady streaks.

Amateur astronomer Ralph Pass says that the best way to see the meteors, which are visible to the naked eye, is to lie on your back in a dark location and watch the entire sky. On Monday, Aug. 12 from around 10 to 11 p.m. the shower will begin to peak, but the best time to see it will be from 2 to 3 a.m.

A dark sky is important. "Stay away from Merrimack College," said Pass, who believes its lights make stargazing more difficult.

Pass said that the Perseid shower was so named "because they seem to come out of the constellation Perseus." The Perseids are actually leftover dust particles from the comet Swift-Tuttle. Each time the comet flies through our solar system it leaves a trail of dust behind it. Every August the

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MILKING IT



PHOTO BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

From left, Elizabeth Bambury, 5, Stephen Bambury, 3, and Alexandra Scott, 2, all of Andover, enjoyed a costume day in the Park for all it was worth Tuesday.

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Safety center

Signs point to new station this week

Police moving to new digs, fire set to move as its construction begins



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The old safety center, at right, will soon be gone.

By Rebecca Piro

Construction of the \$13-million public safety center is halfway done.

Next week half the town's public safety employees – the police – will move into their new, permanent home. The other half, the firefighters, will vacate their quarters and scatter across town. This move will be followed, probably in September by the demolition of the existing building.

The movement of the police into their new digs is a milestone that is more than overdue, as the project was originally scheduled to reach

this point last April. General contractor Mello Construction has blamed the weather, and at many points, the town, for the delays. The town has been concerned with the number of workers on site, but remains committed to sticking with Mello through the end of the contract. Town Manager Buzz Staczynski was unavailable this week to comment on the present state of affairs.

This week, the number of cardboard boxes far outnumbered the construction workers on site, as trucks delivered furniture to the completed

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Coming

this week in the Sunday Eagle-Tribune

■ An Eagle-Tribune survey finds police video cameras won't be coming to a street near you soon.

■ The oldest working boat shop in the U.S. resides in Amesbury, where wooden dories are made by hand.

■ Quarterback Tom Brady is the key to the Patriots plans to repeat as Super Bowl Champion.

■ The Patriots have taken stadium naming rights to new heights with the Gillette deal.

■ Clip-and-save collectible of rare Elvis Presley memorabilia on 25th anniversary of his death.

Woman seeks more punishment for owners of allegedly attacking dogs

Wants police involvement in resolution

By Ben Hellman

Linna Kuo believes the owners of a pair of German shepherd dogs she says threatened her should face more punishment than they have so far.

She is unsatisfied with the \$50 in fines that the owners of the unleashed shepherds incurred. The owners were also charged fees from the Andover Animal Hospital for boarding the animals until they were picked up, and for the rabies shots that the hospital gives by law to every animal it receives without tags.

"I'm considering filing a civil suit," said Kuo.

Kuo wants the police to get involved. She says she's left three voice mail messages for animal control officer Wayne Nader since the Thursday, July 25 incident. Lieutenant James Hashem, who says that Nader has been out on sick leave, returned Kuo's call on Tuesday this week after she called Hashem directly. He said Nader would respond to her on Wednesday.

"Obviously she's got a legitimate complaint," said Hashem.

The problem was, up to Tuesday when Kuo called Hashem directly, he couldn't find any record of Kuo's name or phone number. Hashem said Nader had no voice mail message from Kuo that included her name and phone number.

He listened to dispatcher's tapes without success.

Kuo says she stopped in the morning of the attack and didn't leave her name. Police records indicated that the complaint of two loose German shepherds was received at 7:37 a.m. Police responded to the complaint and brought the dogs to the animal hospital.

Kuo said this week that she called the station back around 10:30 a.m., leaving a full message including her name and phone number on Nader's voice mail. Hashem said he listened to the police tape of incoming calls received within two hours of the Kuo's initial complaint during the morning Kuo stopped in. By Kuo's account, he wouldn't have heard her call. Hashem said for the police department, "We want to resolve the matter."

Kuo was walking her Wheaton terrier by the Balmoral condominium building on Balmoral Street the morning she was allegedly attacked. The dogs didn't bite her, but one came at her and her dog, forcing Kuo to defend herself and her dog, she says.

Kuo says she weighs 102 pounds and was upset that the large animals threatened her. She believes that the dogs' owners were present and stood by without helping her even when she screamed and kicked at the dog that allegedly came toward her.

Police, neighborhood eye kids' safety

ABDUCTIONS

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borhoods had been more alert, spurs Levine into action. "It makes me feel even worse that you usually hear that someone in the neighborhood noticed something," says Levine.

The case that comes to her mind is that of 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart, who was abducted at gunpoint from her Salt Lake City, Utah home on June 5. There was a witness who noticed something unusual going on, but the crime was not prevented.

"What a shame," says Levine, sadly.

So she and her neighbors, with the help of the police, are taking matters into their own hands. Residents of Kenilworth, Poor and Magnolia streets have banded together to create a neighborhood watch — initially started as a reaction to cars speeding through the neighborhood, now expanded to include preventing drug activity and child abductions.

Officer Ed Higgenbottom is one of many police officers willing to educate residents about child safety. A father to a four-year-old daughter and a 16-month-old son, he has volunteered to speak with concerned neighborhoods.

"I just tucked my daughter into bed and I got nauseous thinking about my family and how I would feel," he says. "Hopefully I'm in a position to try and prevent something."

The Andover Police Department regularly devotes a portion of its time to "community policing" or talking to groups of residents for different causes. Detectives educate senior citizens on scams, and other officers talk to children about traffic safety. Higgenbottom wants to add lessons about staying away from strangers to that repertoire.

"If you can just prevent one instance from happening, it's worth it," he says.

But it's not just strangers that can be the enemy, says Bob Cronin, safety officer for the department, who is familiar with the Kenilworth Street neighborhood watch. He spoke to the group recently about traffic safety. Levine has since invited him back to talk about child abductions.

"Most abductions are (committed by) family or neighbors," he says. "This isn't strangers."

The point of the neighborhood watch isn't just to look out for unfamiliar people walking through the neighborhood, but to get to know the people who live there, and build a sense of trust and community. The group started out as five mothers who still get together for coffee once a month. "The coffee group gets to know each other's children," says Levine. When the day came that the child living next door to Levine scooted off on his bike, without his caretaker's knowledge, the entire neighbor-



PHOTO BY SCOTT PROPOSKI

Mom Kathi Levine speaks with Officers Bob Cronin and Ed Higgenbottom about ways to keep her child safe. Her son can be seen playing in the yard behind her.

hood pulled together to search for the little boy.

"We all jumped in cars, some of us started looking around. We all got busy. That's how serious we are about being safe," she

says.

Andover being an affluent community doesn't necessarily put it more at risk for child predators, the officers agree; but it's by no means less of a target.

Residents who would like a police officer to talk to them and their children about safety and avoiding strangers can call the police department.

"A lot of the time I think people are afraid to come to the police with such simple requests," says Higgenbottom. "I don't want to tell anyone how to parent their child, but I think we can all do better with a little extra help."

The state and sex offenders

The state sex-offender registry board, made up of psychiatrists, is currently reclassifying every convicted offender into a level-one, level-two or level-three case. Police are not required to release information to the public about a level-one offender. But a level-two or level-three offender — such as someone found guilty of indecent assault and battery, or someone convicted of rape or a repeated sexual offense — is not protected from having their personal information released to the public.

Andover presently has no classified level-two or level-three sex offenders on record, but that doesn't mean there are none, says Lt. Arthur Ricci. It means that if there are some, the state just hasn't gotten around to classifying them yet, he says.

"Do we have some? I'm sure we do," says Ricci.

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IN BRIEF

Pomps runs swimmingly

By Judy Wakefield

Andover's swimming hole, Pomps Pond, has reopened after being closed for two days last week because of high levels of bacteria and algae.

It's been business as usual this week at Pomps, a place to cool off for beachgoers and many day campers in various town recreation programs.

"We've been checking the water every day and it is safe," said Recreation Director Kim Stamas.

After campers at Camp Maude Eaton, the Girl Scout camp located on the shores of Pomps, called the health department last Tuesday morning about blue-green algae along the shoreline, the daily water test showed that there was indeed a high algae count. The pond was closed last Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31 ("Algae, bacteria close Pomps Pond," *Townsmen*, Aug. 1, page 1).

The algae produces a toxin that can cause stomach problems if swallowed. Copper sulfate was added to the water to kill the algae.

Data provided by health director Everett Penney also showed the pond had 306 E. coli colonies per 100 milliliters, while 235 is the standard for swimming. High E. coli counts are not related to the presence of algae, says Penney, though both flourish under similar conditions.

Stamas said a temporary shut down typically happens in late summer at Pomps. "We go through this every summer," she said.

Heat, humidity and sunlight combine for perfect algae breeding conditions.

Pomps closes for the season in 10 days. Sunday, Aug. 18, is the last day.

PAST AND PRESENT



Timeless fashion? - The Andover Shop and its immediate surroundings don't look as if they've changed much during the last several decades, judging by the two photos above. In the above photo, the truck is sporting 1947 plates, and the telephone number on the side is only four digits.

Quote, unquote . . .

THOSE FIVE KIDS were probably happy to hear it was canceled, but their parents were not.

- Mary Donohue of the Department of Community Services on the cancellation of a summer class teaching dining manners to children. (Story in Town Talk, page 9)

THERE ARE PLENTY OF THEM who haven't gone to art school who are better than us.

- Harriet Newman, one of the few formally trained artists in Andover's Senior Center Art Group speaking of her talented peers. (Story, page 9)

YOU AT LEAST THEN BECOME A PLAYER. You can help direct the type of development that will occur. You have to look at every opportunity. It's looking at every creative solution.

- Concord planning director Marcia Rasmussen, whose town requires developers to put aside some of their land for the town. (Story, page 4)

News Calendar

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 19

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 20

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

FAME (Friends of Andover Music Education), Memorial Hall Library, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

State cuts may snuff effort to stop youth tobacco sales

By Rebecca Piro

Two Andover gas stations will be temporarily suspended from selling tobacco products after volunteers from the Healthy Communities program caught them selling to minors.

But now, it's possible that the program itself will be suspended - or, at the very least, dramatically cut back - because of shortages in the state budget, says Everett Penney, town health director.

"The state budget passed last week with an 80-percent cut in tobacco-awareness programs for local boards of health," says Penney. Andover is part of the Healthy Communities program, a coalition of six communities on a \$150,000 budget. The state could slash the program's budget to \$25,000 or \$30,000.

Besides not being enough to maintain employment of the program's two full-time workers and one part-time worker, it may not be enough to keep the compliance checks going, says Penney.

Healthy Communities conducts random checks of all establishments that sell tobacco products. Minors pose as would-

be customers who enter a store, try to buy tobacco and watch to see if the clerk checks for identification and age verification. Those who don't can be fined or suspended.

Monday night, Board of Health members decided to suspend the sale of tobacco at the Main Street Mobil station for four days. They also suspended sales at the west Andover Mobil station for the same amount of time. Both stores had clerks who allegedly sold to minors.

In the last year, Healthy Communities has caught clerks at different Andover establishments selling to minors six times.

Penney is hoping that Healthy Communities can join the coalition made up of Reading, North Reading and Stoneham, so they can combine their resources. It might mean less frequent compliance checks in Andover, but some is better than none, Penney reasons. He is awaiting approval from the state for the plan.

"It's the most vulnerable portion of our community - the youth," he says. "Denying youth access (to tobacco) is a priority."

EEE information

Andover health officials may know more about the local mosquito population by today. Thursday, Aug. 8, Everett Penney, health director, says that since Eastern equine encephalitis was found in a mosquito near Andover last week, additional traps have been put down. Information from those traps - showing if any more mosquitoes are found carrying the disease - were expected Aug. 8 or 9.

The state was already testing the Andover and Tewksbury areas thoroughly because of the number of birds found carrying the West Nile Virus last year. "We've got a lot of mosquitoes. The mosquitoes are still out there," says Penney.

August health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Aug. 12 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, Aug. 26 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28. No appointment is necessary.

Romney's chosen one

Kerry Healey, "Mitt Romney's choice for lieutenant governor," will speak on Thursday, Aug. 15 from noon to 1:30 p.m. as part of the Women in Government series offered by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Government Affairs Committee. The program will take place at the Andover Inn, on Chapel Avenue, and cost \$17 for members, \$25 for non-members. A full luncheon will be included.

Referrals for health

The Women's Health Advocacy Services Program at the YWCA of Greater Lawrence provides referrals to women 18 years of age and older, with limited or no health insurance, for free mammograms, Pap tests, and cardiovascular screenings. Serving Andover, North Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, Middleton, North Reading and Boxford. For information about eligibility, call Vilma at the YWCA at 978-687-0331.

Commissioner Koh helps launch QuitWorks stop-smoking partnership

Andover resident Howard Koh, commissioner of the Department of Public Health of Massachusetts, recently presided over the launch of QuitWorks, a smoking cessation program that is a collaboration between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the major health plans in Massachusetts.

QuitWorks provides health care providers with a simple approach to treating their patients who smoke by linking them to the state's full range of effective tobacco-treatment resources, says a release. QuitWorks services include multi-session telephone counseling, referral to community tobacco treatment services offered by certified providers, and follow up to support the quit attempt. A simple enrollment process enables all health-care providers in the QuitWorks network to refer any Massachusetts patient, regardless of their health insurance status.

Each day 25 Massachusetts



State Health Commissioner and Andover resident Howard Koh

residents die from smoking-related causes, say Quit Works supporters. Smoking costs nearly \$4.4 billion dollars a year in lost productivity and health-care costs, and each pack of cigarettes sold cost more than \$7.65 in health care expenses in Massachusetts in 2000. For more information about QuitWorks call 1-800-try-to-stop.

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Perseids: 'You can appreciate them more'

■ METEOR SHOWER

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Earth flies through that dust. The meteors are as small as a grain of sand. "They heat up so much. That's why we can see them," said Pass.

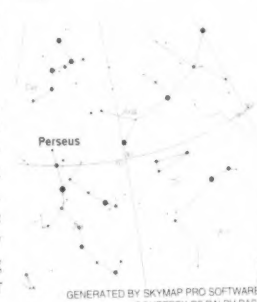
What's special about the Perseids, though, is that they are slow moving. "They are slower than most meteors. They take longer to pass across the sky. You can appreciate them more," said Pass. The Perseids have already begun falling, and the rate will continue to pick up through the weekend.

Pass has been profiled in the *Townsmen* previously, perhaps most notably for his involvement with Apollo 11, which put Neil Armstrong on the moon. Last September he helped the Jet Propulsion Laboratory by sending them images regarding the Comet Borelli. "I did it for fun," he said.

With Pass' help and photographs, the laboratory was

able to get the probe Deep Space One close enough to get pictures of craters on the comet. It was the second-ever image of a comet nucleus.

Pass became involved when the laboratory requested help from astronomers because its observatory was under repair and others were booked. Pass was the only person to respond. "They flew based on my data only," he said.



Some of the Aug. 12 night sky looking northeast at midnight.

Second River Road housing-project supporter distances self from Avalon

By Rebecca Piro

The town's fifth proposed comprehensive-permit project could soon make its way to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Steve Stapinski of Andover Portland Avenue Associates revealed his plans for a 96-unit housing project on River Road — the second comprehensive permit project to target that street — to the Andover Housing Partnership Committee Monday. A hearing before the AHPC is the first step in a housing development proposal.

Avalon Bay, a 115-unit development sited for River Road that the ZBA approved, has been appealed by neighbors who say the project is too dense.

Stapinski, who has not yet filed a permit application with the ZBA, says concern over density won't be a problem with his project. He has yet to name the proposed five-building development, which includes a community building to house a pool, jacuzzi, function room and administrative office. The units are one- and two-bedroom rentals.

Comprehensive permits, also known as 40B projects, fall under what some call the state's "anti-snob law."

The law allows a housing developer to override local zoning in exchange for renting or selling a percentage of the new units at an affordable rate. If a community refuses to grant the permit, the developer can turn to the state Housing Appeals Committee, which can easily overturn the community's decision if less than 10 percent of that community's

total housing stock is considered affordable.

In Stapinski's project, 18 of its 72 two-bedroom units would be rented at affordable rates. Six of its 24 one-bedroom units would also be affordable.

Stapinski will seek a comprehensive permit because the land on which he wants to put the project is zoned industrial, not residential.

Years ago, Stapinski got ZBA approval for a 126-room hotel at the site. He installed sewer and water pipes at the site, he says. But the project lost momentum when he ran into financing problems, and

he lost his enthusiasm when he saw how many hotels were cropping up in Andover.

He decided that multi-family housing would be a fitting alternative — a good "transitional use" of the land, which sits between office buildings like PictureTel and private single family homes on River Road.

"We don't want to build a big Avalon building," says Stapinski, referring to the comprehensive-permit project on the other end of River Road. "This will work great on the site. It's not dense. We feel it's the perfect transitional use."

Besides Avalon Bay, three other comprehensive permits have also been filed in town. The ZBA is almost ready to rule on projects called Coachman's Ridge and Ballardvale Crossing. The developer of a proposal called Wildwood Estates, which was denied by the ZBA, is currently protesting that decision before the Housing Appeals Committee.

"We don't want to build a big Avalon building. This will work great. It's not dense."

STEVE STAPINSKI, WHO IS PROPOSING A RIVER ROAD CH. 40B PROJECT

Affordable housing example

Concord advisor: Our developers must set aside land for town

By Rebecca Piro

Elm Brook, Concord's affordable-housing development, started with the support of one selectman and grew into 12 single-family homes thanks to teamwork, says Concord planning director Marcia Rasmussen.

She spoke at a meeting of the Andover Housing Partnership Committee Monday to inspire the same kind of teamwork in Andover, a community that some say suffers from a lack of affordable housing and economic diversity.

In terms of Andover's lack of affordable housing, Rasmussen urged the Housing Partnership Committee to consider a provision similar to Concord's, which requires developers to put aside some of their land for the town.

"You at least then become a player. You can help direct the type of development that will occur," she says. "You have to look at every opportunity. It's looking at every creative solution."

Concord made a commitment to affordable housing in the late '80s, when, at the prompting of an outspoken selectman, its Planning Board adopted a provision that required developers to set aside a piece of their project for affordable housing, says Rasmussen. An alternative to giving land was giving money. Concord received \$250,000 from two developers in such an exchange, which it deposited into a land-acquisition fund.

That money would come in handy some years later, after another developer donated 12 acres of open space to the town, to mitigate his request to rezone land from residential to industrial.

Concord combined that donated land and that chunk of money — along with financial gifts from private, anonymous donors and public neighbors, like Hanscom Air Field, to pursue the Elm Brook project.

Many architectural drawings, Planning Board meetings, public hearings, neighborhood appeals and five Town Meeting votes later, Elm Brook was approved. A not-for-profit group called Concord Housing Trust erected 12 single-family homes with the help of many donated services. All 12 were filled with families by June.

That method of working together is how Concord hopes to approach all its future housing proposals, says Rasmussen. "Each development that comes in, we look at how it fits into Concord," she says. "I don't think there's been one single vision."



Concord's Elm Brook project took years and the efforts of many people before it became a reality.

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Dave Mason, Brian Karfunkel and Ally Silberstein, all of Andover, are working hard as interns for the Reich campaign, which is using large numbers of high school and college-age students.

Fueled by youthful energy

Andover interns show passion for candidate

By Evan Greer
What's Up intern

Brian Karfunkel, 17, David Mason, 20, and Ally Silberstein, 17, all of Andover, have "become believers." Believers in Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Robert Reich, that is.

The three are all showing their support for the Democrat by interning with his 2003 election campaign. Although Andover adults have shown their support for Shannon O'Brien at the Democratic convention, none of the other gubernatorial campaigns, including O'Brien's, report having any Andover youth working as interns.

All three Reich interns agreed that they chose Reich because, as Mason put it, "he has a vision for Mass. that I really like. And I think that he has the freedom to carry out that vision."

The Reich campaign has approximately 70 interns, most of whom are college students, says Mason.

"What he (Reich) doesn't have in the financial area, he makes up for in numbers and energy. This is a very energetic campaign," Mason stresses, "and we have managed to channel that energy in a really positive way."

Mason, who graduated from Andover High School in 2000, will be a junior with a double major in political science and German at

UMass Amherst. For him, this campaign is nothing new. He has worked on campaigns in the past including the Gore 2000 campaign in New Hampshire.

"I've met all the candidates and I've worked with all of them at some point, and they're all fantastic people, but I think that Bob is the one who will really make a difference in the Commonwealth." As an experienced intern, Mason is responsible for coordinating other interns in canvassing efforts as well as training new recruits.

Mason was a junior statesman when he attended AHS, and now he is considering politics as a career, although he is becoming more interested in international politics, he says.

Silberstein, a senior at AHS, has just recently started on the campaign, although her mother, Debbie Silberstein, a member of the Finance Committee in Andover, has been involved for some time. This is Silberstein's first campaign, and she says that she has already learned a lot.

"It's a great time to experience the intricate details of a grassroots campaign," she says. "I think the interns and the volunteers are a really important part of that." Silberstein is very interested in politics and may want to pursue it as a career, she says.

Karfunkel, a senior at Phillips Academy, started working on the campaign June 17.

In a short amount of time he has traveled all over the state helping out on the "Reich Reform Express," a caravan designed to spread Reich's message around the state.

"That's what makes our campaign different," says Karfunkel. "We have to actually connect with voters on a more personal level."

He has also been working on canvassing, trying to increase Reich's visibility.

"Getting college students to register to vote before the Aug. 28 deadline is one concern," Karfunkel says. "Bob's message has drawn people from all over the country and all over the world. We have people from Sweden and Bulgaria working on the campaign."

He also explained the duties of some of the other interns, including scheduling events, coordinating volunteers, and conveying policy issues. "You really get to take an active part in the campaign," he said.

All three interns agree that Reich makes them feel like the interns are an integral part of his campaign. "Which we are," says Mason, "since he doesn't have the millions and millions of dollars that you need if you're going to run TV ads all the time."

Maria Marasco:

Don't shift burden to taxpayers

By Ben Hellman

Maria Marasco says she's the person who can lower Massachusetts' taxes. She put her resume forward this week, literally, to prove that she has the know how to get the job done. Marasco says that business savvy is what the state needs to lower taxes while retaining services. "A little tweaking and business ideas go a long way," she said. Her key words for getting the Commonwealth back on track are "fairness and predictability" — (the voters) should see that translated into good jobs and wages," she said.

Marasco says she put herself through law school working as a tax specialist. She worked under several gubernatorial administrations. She received her first appointment under former

Governor Michael Dukakis for the Outdoor Advertising Board. She said that Dukakis told her, "I don't care if you're a Democrat or a Republican. I need this agency fixed and I know you can do it." Since then, she has worked as deputy general counsel for the Massachusetts state treasurer, representing the treasurer and acting as a senior manager. In 1996, she was executive director of the Appellate Tax Board for the Mass. Department of Revenue. In 1997, she was a team leader in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance.

Marasco joked about her many jobs over the years. "After



Maria Marasco

I did (a job), I moved on to the next thing," she said. She is currently a managing partner for STETS & Company, LLC. She took over the business from her father, whose nickname was Stets because he wore the Stetson hat. "I know what it's like to meet a payroll. First comes payroll, second comes taxes, then if you're lucky you can buy a gallon of milk," she said.

Marasco believes government should be held to the same responsibilities as individual taxpayers. "Raising taxes is easy. There should be hard work so the burden isn't shifted to the taxpayers," she said.

Phillips senior a Yukon pioneer

By Michael Ruderman

After a year spent studying for her Advanced Placement Biology class at Phillips Academy, Caitlin Littlefield built on her textbook knowledge this summer, assisting four researchers in Canada's Yukon Territory for two weeks.

The PA senior participated in the pioneer summer of Grizzlies of the Yukon, a program for volunteers of all ages sponsored by the 30-year-old Earthwatch Institute.

Claiming to be the "oldest, largest, and most respected organization that directly involves the public and field research," Earthwatch provides financial and research assistance to environmentalists.

A member of her school's Search and Rescue Club, Littlefield is an outdoors enthusiast. She noted that the 20 hours of direct sunlight she encountered daily in the Yukon, the rush of being swept down a river on her way to set up grizzly bear traps, and the backpacking trips over glaciers were "all incredible."

"Being out there, sitting on



Caitlin Littlefield, pictured above Kathleen Lake in Klauene National Park, enjoyed her time in the Yukon — and in "bear country."

top of a ridge, and seeing the sun about to dip below the horizon was pretty memorable," said the 17-year-old. Though the Yukon territory is not designed for high-school students in search of a party (the entire population of the northern Canadian province is less than that of Andover), she insists that one can still have a good time.

Littlefield discovered the trip after visiting the Summer Opportunities Office at Phillips, which holds fairs every year for students in search of memorable summer experiences. The office can also help interested students locate grant money to subsidize their endeavors.

Michael Ruderman is an intern at the Townsman.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, July 31 - At 10:34 p.m., Michael Sullivan, of 99 Marian Drive, North Andover, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class D substance and possessing a stun gun.

Thursday, Aug. 1 - At 3:19 p.m., Kenneth Paquette, 26, of 157 Andover St., was arrested and charged with breaking and entering during the daytime and committing a larceny of goods worth more than \$250.

Friday, Aug. 2 - At 1:34 p.m., Kenneth Paquette, 26, of 157 Andover St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for with breaking and entering a motor vehicle and committing larceny of goods worth more than \$250.

Saturday, Aug. 3 - At 11:06 p.m., Sean Hurley, of 6 Hillside Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged with a second offense of driving while under the influence of alcohol and driving without lights.

Monday, Aug. 5 - At 2:13 p.m., Leslie Dias, 18, of 370 High Plain Road, was arrested and charged with trespassing.

At 3:13 p.m., Daniel McDonald Jr., 31, of 11 Whispering Pines Drive, was arrested and charged with possessing a hypodermic needle and a Class A substance.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 31 - At 1:19 p.m., an officer issued a court summons to a person on Minuteman Road who was in possession of a Class A substance.

At 1:30 p.m., an officer freed a cat that was stuck in a lattice

on Michael Way.

At 2:47 p.m., an officer was to file on a dog bite at a Haverhill Street residence.

At 2:50 p.m., a caller reported that a special-needs student was attacking other kids on a bus on River Road.

At 8:07 p.m., police assisted EMTs in treating a baby on Haggetts Pond Road that was not breathing.

Thursday, Aug. 1 - At 6:04 p.m., an employee from a Lupine Road business reported a disorderly customer.

Friday, Aug. 2 - At 12:38 p.m., a High Plain Road resident reported a trespasser.

At 5:06 p.m., a River Road resident reported a violated restraining order.

At 6:44 p.m., a female reported finding a wallet on Main Street near Park Street.

At 8:28 p.m., police assisted firefighters in investigating a report of smoke in a Central Street basement.

At 11:35 p.m., an employee at the Residence Inn on Minuteman Road reported that kids were gathering and making noise in the parking lot.

Saturday, Aug. 3 - At 1:45 a.m., a Gemini Circle resident reported that kids on the street were beginning to fight. A responding officer didn't find any kids fighting.

At 10:57 a.m., a person reported losing his cell phone near Lupine Road.

At 5:43 p.m., a Seneca Circle resident reported being threatened by people outside his house.

At 8:20 p.m., a female reported that a dog had bitten a man outside of the Andover Animal Hospital.

Sunday, Aug. 4 - At 4:41 a.m., a Jenkins Road caller reported that some nearby campers were being too noisy.

At 10:33 a.m., an officer reported that someone had sprayed shaving cream on the side of West Elementary School.

At 2:45 p.m., an officer intervened in a verbal domestic argument.

At 6:33 p.m., a person found a wallet in the Friendly's parking lot.

At 8:23 p.m., a caller reported a possible fight in the Park. Kids at the Park told a responding officer that they were just fooling around.

Monday, Aug. 5 - At 12:08 a.m., an officer issued a court summons to a male on Campanelli Road who was in possession of a Class D substance.

At 9:16 a.m., an officer was to file on a lost cell phone.

At 1:32 p.m., police intervened in a verbal domestic argument.

At 1:37 p.m., police assisted EMTs in treating a female on Lowell Street who was having a heart attack.

At 2:17 p.m., an officer took a small hand gun from a Wild Rose Drive address back to the station to be destroyed.

Tuesday, Aug. 6 - At 8:02 a.m., an officer helped a female remove a bat that had crawled under a piano at Free Christian Church.

At 8:48 a.m., a Fleet Bank employee reported that a suspicious cloth bag was sitting near the ATM machine. The bag's owner returned and took it away.

At 10:10 a.m., an employee from Dunkin' Donuts reported that a worker had received a threatening phone call.

At 11:10 a.m., an officer returned with two scooters that he found hidden in the bushes on Linwood Street.

At 12:52 p.m., an officer issued a court summons to a Harold Parker Road male who was in possession of a Class D substance.

At 6:13 p.m., a Washington Park Drive resident reported that someone had poured bleach on his herb garden.

At 10:14 p.m., an officer "moved along" a gathering of kids behind CVS.

BREAKS

No breaks were reported this week.

THEFTS

Thursday, Aug. 1 - At 4:04 p.m., an employee from Perpetual Motion reported that someone had stolen a safe.

Friday, Aug. 2 - At 10:31 p.m., a Korinthian Way resident reported that someone had stolen his mailbox.

Saturday, Aug. 3 - At 10:29 a.m., a detective was to file on a case of fraud.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Aug. 1 - At 2:15 p.m., a wheel fell off a dump truck that was driving on Lowell Street. The truck was towed away.

Friday, Aug. 2 - At 12:55 p.m., a female reported that her car had been stolen. An officer determined that her car had actually been towed in the year 2000.

Tuesday, Aug. 6 - At 4:46 p.m., a High Street female reported that someone had



The accident scene on Saturday afternoon.

Route 28 accident sends woman, 9 months pregnant, to hospital

A two-car accident on North Main Street Saturday sent a nine-months-pregnant woman to the hospital.

Rescue crews responded to the accident just after 2 p.m. Saturday. "The woman was changing lanes, didn't see the car next to her and struck it," says Lt. Kevin Winters. "The other (vehicle) went into the guardrails."

The woman, a 35-year-old from Rochester, N.H., went to the hospital. Police do not know her current status. The driver of the other car, a 21-

year-old male from Lawrence, refused treatment. Both cars were towed from the scene.

"North Main Street is always, unfortunately, our highest volume of traffic," says Safety Officer Bob Cronin. "It gets more than its share of crashes down there."

While he hasn't seen a significant change in the number of accidents on that road, police are always trying to slow the 22,000 drivers that pass by daily, he said.

—Rebecca Piro

stolen her car. An officer reported that the car had actually been repossessed.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Aug. 1 - At 10:02 a.m., a vehicle struck a pole on River Street. The driver was

issued a citation for failing to drive within marked lanes.

Friday, Aug. 2 - At 11:08 p.m., one car was towed from an accident on North Main Street. No one was injured.

Saturday, Aug. 3 - At 2:01

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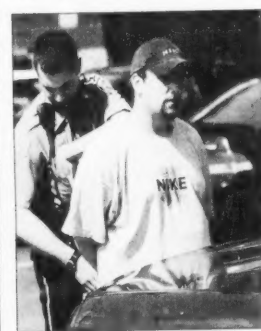
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Police make arrest downtown last Thursday.

By Ben Hellman

A young woman stopped a would-be thief from getting away with her backpack, more than 30 compact discs and a portable disc player in downtown Andover last week, say police.

Officers arrested Kenneth Paquette, 27, of 157 Andover St. in connection with the alleged crime. The victim identified Paquette as the man who climbed into her car in the parking lot behind Old Town Hall and left with her backpack, which he emptied of her sneak-

ers and gym clothes and filled with more valuable belongings. Paquette allegedly fled the scene after being discovered, but he was spotted in the area again by police almost immediately afterwards. He was arrested in front of the Park Street Pub, within a hundred yards of the victim's car.

The young woman and a friend were picking up fish at Hometown Seafoods last Thursday afternoon when her friend allegedly spotted a man getting out of her car with her backpack. The woman confronted the alleged thief and he surrendered the bag without incident. "I said, 'That's my bag. Give it back,'" the victim reported to the arresting police officer Joseph Magliozzi at the scene.

After she recovered her bag the man walked calmly from the scene until the young woman mentioned calling the police, she said. Then she said he bolted up the alley behind the Barnard Building which houses Starbucks, Kabloom and other businesses. The woman's friend called the police on his cell phone and the chase began.

Magliozzi was the first officer to reach the scene. He whipped around his cruiser and pulled up next to Paquette, who matched the description given, and didn't flee.

Magliozzi questioned him and took him into custody. Paquette was held in the back of Magliozzi's cruiser until the victim could be brought to the scene to identify him.

Paquette was charged with breaking and entering during the daytime, a felony, and larceny over \$250 for allegedly breaking into the young woman's car and stealing her backpack.

The backpack was filled with a portable CD player and 30-40 CDs. "All my favorites," said the victim.

According to Lieutenant Kevin Winters, Paquette was released on bail on the day of the arrest, but he failed to appear in court the next day, defaulting his bail. He was rearrested by 2 p.m. that day.

Lieutenant James Hashem said that, through prior dealings with him, police were familiar with Paquette.

Paquette had recently begun working at a downtown business. Paquette's manager, who preferred her name and the name of the business not to be mentioned, said Thursday would have been Paquette's pay day.

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Opinion

Progress report good, final grade remains

THE TOWN IS ANNOUNCING THAT THE NEW SCHOOLS will open on time. That news is as welcome to many parents as it is refreshing to taxpayers, given recent town history with construction projects.

A good chunk of the credit for the project progressing as far as it has must be given to the School Building Committee, the volunteers assembled to oversee those people the town is paying in one way or another to complete the project. The committee is made up of professionals with various areas of expertise and each has offered something valuable during the process. Few questions have been left unasked. As a whole, they've combined to offer a collective and careful, constant and intelligent extra pair of eyes.

But the project is by no means complete. Ensuring that construction continues at an acceptable pace, while telling workers there are certain tasks they cannot perform while students are present, will be a challenge. Students' safety and education must always be the primary concern, as officials themselves have stated. Clearly, the committee, the town's project manager, and other paid officials must continue to be as diligent as ever, if their decision to put elementary and middle-school children in the not-yet-finished school is to be the correct one.

It is also always difficult to get workers to return to a site to finish the so-called punch list, the list of smaller touch-up items that remain at the end of a project. Trying to get contractors to return when they must work around students' schedules likely will be even more difficult. Again, the town's representatives on this job must continue to be active, or else the town won't receive everything it planned for, or will be cornered into accepting change on the dollar for unfinished work and completing final items itself.

Web question

Are you worried about kidnappings?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was not posted. The question from the previous week stayed online and gathered twice as many responses. Ninety people responded to this question: The police chief is considering posting signs that prohibit loitering at the Park. Would you support that action? Selectman chairman Ray Hender said this week that increased police presence in the area has diminished the problems in the Park and that no further action is currently necessary.

- 6, or 7 percent, said "Yes. The noise and the potential for fights, drug-dealing and other trouble makes the signs necessary."
- 10, or 11 percent, said "Yes. The residents surrounding the Park deserve peace and quiet come dusk."
- 21, or 23 percent, said "No. Parks are intended for people to kick back, relax and do nothing. Prohibiting

that is foolish."

- 51, or 57 percent, said "No. If noise or other trouble is a problem, then police should do what they are hired to do - patrol the area."
- 2, or 2 percent, said "other."

This week's Web question:

High-profile child abductions have dominated the news this summer, forcing parents to be more vigilant about watching their kids. Is this recent trend a real worry for Andover parents?

- Yes, whenever children are abducted the community should take a hard look at how well its children are protected.
- No, over-hyped media coverage of events across the country are needlessly alarming parents and others.
- Other

To vote, surf to <www.andovertownsmen.com>.

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Keeping cool in their neighborhood pool are Nicholas and brother Jamison Poland, neighbors of Paul and Pauline Burton.

Can't stop him when he's passing by



Neil Fater

I went running in Andover this week with my 3-year-old niece. We weren't doing it for exercise. We were after that most elusive of suburban prey, the ice-cream man.

Alas, we reached the end of her street only to see the ice-cream truck drive right by a connecting street. My niece explained that the ice-cream man never turns into her neighborhood.

The little sprint jogged my memories of childhood in Andover, where each summer, there were two givens:

- All of the children would fruitlessly chase the ice-cream man.
- Some kid would try to start that smallest of small businesses, the lemonade stand.

Now, I want to make it known that from an early age I knew I was not cut out to be a

salesman. When our Little League team (or some such group) went door-to-door in the neighborhood, selling candy to raise money, I was attacked by a dog. Who ripped my jacket. While I was talking to the owner. Who didn't buy any candy.

But my effort at a neighborhood food stand was probably the earliest sign that I would never make it as a used-car salesman. Or as a new-car salesman, for that matter.

My sister to this day remembers the time she and her friend started a lemonade stand, selling drinks for 10 cents a cup. A guy on a motorcycle stopped and gave them \$1 for a glass, and they acted like they'd discovered oil in our backyard.

I never tasted such sweet victory on the business front.

But, perhaps encouraged by her success, one dull, sunny day my friend Steve and I decided to it was time we youngsters entered the work force. We would hang out a shingle and become rich.

Unfortunately, we didn't so much have a stand as we had a plastic bag. And we didn't so much have lemonade, as we had some

Cheez-Its, a few pieces of candy and maybe a used toy from a Cracker Jack box. It was like a sidewalk sale by homeless people.

Surprisingly, nobody stopped to buy anything. Then, around the corner, came the mailman. A pigeon! He'd have to stop, the sucker. Just what we'd been waiting for! We put on sad faces and asked him if he wanted anything. By this time the supply of Cheez-Its had dwindled, but perhaps he would notice the preowned Cracker Jack toy.

He looked over our wares and decided he would purchase one of the three remaining Cheez-Its. This was clearly a man of discriminating tastes.

I believe we charged him five cents, and that was the only sale we made that day.

Of course, I don't know how we spent that nickel. Or how we split the proceeds evenly. I do know that we never gave that nickel to the ice-cream man. That guy never stopped for us when we had money.

Neil Fater is editor of the Andover Townsman. He can be reached at <nfater@andovertownsmen.com>.

LETTERS

When ill, seniors need bus rides

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing to you regarding the availability of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority ride service to seniors who are ill and need to visit their physicians.

MVRTA accepts bookings only when told two days in advance. I would like the authorities to take the bookings just one day in advance, which they have done in my case on some occasions only. My ride to the physician's office recently was turned down, one day in advance, because I needed to make an emergency appointment with just one day's notice. I hired a taxi both ways.

There should flexibility, and the MVRTA must accept bookings just one day in advance in the case of physicians' appointments. After all, sickness can strike anyone at anytime, any place. No prior approval is called for with sicknesses. Hence flexibility and a change of rules should be implemented by the MVRTA.

Triloki Qazi
North Main Street

About "The Thursday File"

Steve MacDowall started the file two years and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site for his creation is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones at right.

US Congress Rival questions 'reformer' Meehan's spending need

Editor, *Townsmen*:

With less than three months left before election day and more than \$2 million in his campaign war chest (nearly 10 times more than both his opponents together have raised), Marty Meehan, the self-appointed champion of "campaign finance reform," told his supporters that he is gearing up for a "competitive and expensive political fight," and needs to raise even more money than he already has.

What is particularly strange is that only a few weeks ago, Meehan said that he had no intention of spending "anything near \$600,000," the spending cap that Republican challenger Chuck McCarthy and I proposed to ensure a fair campaign.

Meehan put so many conditions on what was meant to be a simple spending cap that discussions ended in less than 15 minutes, when it became clear that Meehan's proposal was not serious.

In a recent newspaper interview Meehan said "There's no way in knowing (how much money the campaign will cost). It depends on where the special interests put money, and how much they put in."

Let me reassure Meehan that I will not be receiving funding from special interest organizations.

Nor, as a challenger, am I likely to be receiving any PAC money, which generally goes only to incumbents.

I will raise only the money I

need to run an honest and meaningful campaign in which I will address the issues that are important to the voters of the Fifth District - issues such as employment, taxes, education, health care and security.

This race should not be about who can raise the most money. This race should be about who is the best candidate, and who can truly represent our region in Congress with honesty, integrity and a real concern for all the people of the Fifth District.

Ivana Freedman
Biagiotti Way
North Billerica

(Ivana Freedman is the Libertarian candidate for US Congress in the Fifth District, which includes Andover.)

THE THURSDAY FILE

Every exit is an entry somewhere.

TOM STOPPARD

Well done is better than well said.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed.

SEAN O'CASEY

What a waste it is to lose one's mind. Or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is.

DAN QUAYLE

A prudent man does not make the goat his gardener.

HUNGARIAN PROVERB

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.

GALEO GALILEI

The covers of this book are too far apart.

AMBROSE BIERCE

It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.

WILLIAM BLAKE

... the more we lose control of bigger things in our lives the more we try to control the smaller things.

GAWEN RUDDER

The JFK quotation:

We will neglect our cities to our peril, for in neglecting them we neglect the nation.

Best quotation sent:

In one century, we went from teaching Latin and Greek in high school to teaching remedial English in college.

COLUMNIST JOSEPH SOBRAN



Pomps Pond has begun charging people \$5 to use its new, donated windsurfer for 30 minutes.

Windsurfing Less than 17¢ per minute

By Jesse Greenspan

Up until now, Pomps Pond has not exactly been the windsurfing capital of the world. In fact, before one was donated to the pond about a month ago, it is possible that no one had ever tried windsurfing on the generally calm and serene waters.

However, that could all be changing.

"There has been a lot of initial interest (in the donated windsurfer)," said Brian Parker, who oversees a fleet of canoes, kayaks, sailboats and a paddleboat as the director of Pomps Pond. "But not a lot of people windsurf or know we have it."

Even Parker himself, who is more partial to sailing, admits that windsurfing is not something he knows a great deal about. "Some people have actually been giving us pointers," he said.

For the first month of its existence at Pomps, the windsurfer was given free of charge to anyone who knew how to use it. Starting now, however, the windsurfer will be rented out at a rate of \$5 for every 30 minutes, provided its user passes a swim test

and talks to Parker beforehand.

"Typically, if people come to rent sailboats or the windsurfer, I'll talk to them beforehand to make sure they have sailing (or windsurfing) experience," Parker said.

For those people interested in other types of boating, a paddleboat and a number of sailboats are also available at Pomps for the same price, while canoes and kayaks can be rented for \$2 for every 30 minutes.

"Canoes and kayaks are especially popular because everyone can do that," Parker said. "It doesn't take a lot of experience."

To take out a boat, all people must pass a swim test and promise to wear a life jacket at all times. The swim test involves swimming with a life jacket from the end of the dock to a floating raft, and then back to shore.

For Parker, at least, this is a small price to pay for enjoying one of Andover's greatest resources.

"Overall, the pond is a great place to spend the day," he said.

Jesse Greenspan is a summer intern at the Townsman.

Stadium changes Andover names

■ GILLETTE STADIUM

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here for years," said Colyer noting that there is a friendly rivalry between Gillette's Andover facility and its Boston headquarters.

Colyer says he likes to think that Andover is the company's home base, while the company calls Boston home.

In fact, Gillette's Ballardvale manufacturing center dates back "decades," according to Krause. Gillette was one of the first companies to set up shop on Burt Road. There is a possibility that another Gillette connection may be coming to town. When asked if NaviSite would eventually take over the Gillette Web site, Krause said "lots of things are currently in discussion."

"NaviSite does not operate Gillette's Web

site, but we discussed many things on Tuesday morning," Krause said.

He described the mood among Andover and all Gillette employees as "absolutely positive" after the announcement. After all, Gillette steps in just as the Patriots get to fly a Super Bowl banner when the season opens with a televised Monday night game at Gillette Stadium.

"There is great pride of connecting Gillette with a world-class facility and the Super Bowl champions New England Patriots," he said. "What we are most happy about is the continuation of the legacy of Gillette being a pioneer in sports. We are proud of our New England ties to that."

Meanwhile, it was a different scene at CMGI headquarters. There, the marketing department's extension is not in service. The

past year has been difficult as the Internet company did not post a profit. It lost \$1.7 billion, compared to Gillette's \$9 billion in sales during the past year. Surrendering naming rights and renegotiating the naming contract will save CMGI some \$86 million.

In its heyday, CMGI cost \$160 a share. Today, a share costs about 40 cents.

It was two years ago when CMGI signed on with Patriots owner Robert Kraft. Back then, there was talk of eventually setting up computer terminals at each stadium seat where spectators could call up a player's statistics or watch instant replays.

Kraft's son, Jonathan Kraft, sits on the board of CMGI. CMGI chief financial officer Thomas Oberdorf would not give details of the negotiations that allowed CMGI out of its contract. "Right now, with the business climate overall, we feel our capital is best placed in our core businesses," he said, referring to its nine companies spread across three business segments.

"We feel our capital is best placed in our core businesses."

THOMAS OBERDORF, CMGI'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

POLICE LOG

■ ACCIDENTS

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p.m., a pregnant woman was taken to the hospital after being involved in a two-car accident on North Main Street. The other motorist involved in the accident refused treatment. Both cars were towed away.

Sunday, Aug. 4 - At 6:50 p.m., a caller reported that a taxi had struck a bicyclist on Andover Street. Neither party was injured and an officer was to file a report on the incident.

Tuesday, Aug. 6 - At 8:23 a.m., officers assisted the state police with an accident on Interstate 495 South.

VANDALISM

Eight incidents of vandalism were reported this week.

Police move to new facility

■ SAFETY CENTER

Continued from page 1

building and police carried over books and office supplies. The police will be "fully operational" in the new facility by Saturday, Aug. 17, says Chief Brian Pattullo. This week, workers were to finish installing the phone lines, security system and computer equipment. The phone numbers for police and fire will not change. "(The move) should be seamless for the community," says Pattullo.

The firefighters will make their move on Tuesday, Aug. 13, says Fire Chief Chuck Murnane. He and his secretary will move in with the police temporarily, but the rest of his department will be housed around town, at existing and makeshift stations.

Five firefighters will be stationed at a renovated garage at Spring Grove Cemetery. The fire deputy on duty will work out of Ballardvale Station. Extra equip-



Police Sgt. John Pathiakakis helps move police equipment into the new station on Tuesday.

ment will be housed at a rented trailer next to West Fire Station. The changes will delay fire and ambulance response to the center of town by about a minute and a half, says Murnane.

Firefighters plan to knock on

the doors of their new neighbors next Monday to alert them to the move, says Murnane. "(It's to say) we're coming, and we'll try to be quiet at night."

The town manager has said that the old safety center will be demolished sometime in September - which seems to be a delay in activity, if the building is empty by Aug. 17.

But some police offices, like records, will need longer to move everything from the old to the new office, says Pattullo. Moving equipment such as the electrical generator, a multi-piece unit, takes more than one day to move.

"It's not just something you pick up under your arm and go," says Pattullo. "There's going to be an awful lot of dismantling the building from inside."

Still, workers can't begin building the second half of the building until the existing one comes down - and the sooner they start, the better, says Murnane.

"Hopefully they'll move pretty quickly. They'll want to have the steel up and (the building) enclosed by winter, or else we'll have (the same thing) as last winter," he adds, remembering the delayed phase one.

He doesn't want the ordeal to last a minute longer than it has to. "It's like a root canal every day, working down here with this project," he says.

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK

It's 'no thank-you' to this round of dining skills

Please pass the dining skills class.

That is apparently the feeling around town as a dining skills class for kids had to be canceled this week due to lack of interest.

Last summer, the two-and-a-half hour class attracted eight local kids (six boys and two girls between the ages of 8 and 12) who honed their salad- versus entree-fork knowledge, along with other proper dining skills. The class was held at Palmer's Restaurant on Elm Street. Parents paid \$69 for the class, which included lunch.

While the price was the same this summer, the class had to be canceled when just five kids signed up. The course is sponsored by the Department of Community Services.

"Those five kids were probably very happy to hear it was canceled, but their parents were not," laughed Mary Donohue of DCS.

Andover's resident Miss Manners, Margaret Musso of Lovejoy Road, who is etiquette certified by the Protocol School of Washington, was upbeat - and very polite - in spite of the cancellation. She said holding the class in the fall would probably work better for family schedules.

She plans to do just that.

- Judy Wakefield

Potter wizardry hits the beach with Andover spell

Some 300 kids from Andover will conjure up Harry Potter sandcastles next week.

It's Andover's annual trek to Crane Beach in Ipswich, where local kids will compete with hordes of other young castle builders from other towns.

The sandcastle-building contest is set for Tuesday, Aug. 13. Several buses will leave Andover at 9 a.m. and be back in town by 3 p.m. Recreation directors from several towns will serve as judges for the event, and all participants will receive an award.

Andover recreation coordinator Kim Stamas said local kids enrolled in any summer playground program along with employees in those programs are eligible to participate in the big event.

"We've been doing this for several years," Stamas said. "Kids enrolled in all of our playgrounds along with life-guarders and counselors go. It's a lot of fun."

Crane Beach picks a theme and this year it's Harry Potter. There's no word on what will be created (a Nimbus 2000, a head shot of Hagrid, or that giant three-headed dog, Fluffy, perhaps) as the idea deadline was after *Townsmen* press time.

"I told the counselors they have to talk to the kids and come up with ideas. The deadline is Thursday (today, Aug. 8)," Stamas said.

- Judy Wakefield

Face to face with El Tiente

Ernie Paicopolos, of Somerset Drive, was one of the residents who attended the recent tribute to Ted Williams at Fenway Park. But his night didn't end there.

"I also attended a reception afterward, where I got to tell Luis Tiant personally that I got an RBI off of him in 1992. He looked at me like I was from Mars," said Paicopolos. Then Paicopolos explained to Tiant that he had batted against him during a Red Sox fantasy camp, where fans get to meet and play baseball with retired Red Sox players.

"We had a good laugh," he said.

- Neil Fater

No APD for Colyer

FYI, acronyms have become a fact of modern life. But don't think of saying APD when referring to Andover Planning Director Steve Colyer.

"I don't like acronyms," he said matter-of-factly when talking about Gillette's takeover of the former CMGI Field where the New England Patriots play.

He welcomes the change.

"I like the sound of Gillette Stadium. It looks pretty and sounds better than an acronym. It's razor-sharp and I like it," he said, insisting that Gillette officials did not put him up to his comments.

- Judy Wakefield

HALLOWEEN IN AUGUST



PHOTO BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

Sophia Holman dressed as Tinkerbell (right) while her sister, Emily Holman, had fun wearing her pink Halloween fangs. They attended the event with their grandmother, Annie Stansfield of Andover.



Giovanna Clark brought two of her paintings to the artists' party, a deer in the Maine woods, and a still life of poppies. Above right, Shirley Whyte (left) holds a plate as party hostess Pauline Burton cuts the cake.



Canvas & cake

Senior Center Art Group members celebrate summer at backyard party

By Ben Hellman

WOLCOTT AVENUE BRIEFLY BECAME a part of bohemia last week as Andover senior artists gathered to share their work, meet with friends and have a good time.

Paul and Pauline Burton hosted the gathering of Andover Senior Center Art Group members and other area senior artists in their backyard. For three hours the Burtons' pool-side stockade fence was transformed into a sprawling gallery wall lined with the work of area seniors.

The art group has met for 25 years. The seniors meet two days each week for an hour at a time. There is no instructor, so they have to rely on each other to learn and improve their skills. "Most of them have learned at the senior center to paint. We've been painting on our own, helping each other," said Burton.

"And gossiping," added Marty Epstein. Burton's painting of four decadent society women inspired much discussion and friendly joking. Burton passed around a notepad to all of his guests, asking them to suggest a title. The guest whose title won would receive an artist's canvas or similar art supply.

Some party guests evidently thought that the women were up to no good. Al Ramey's tongue-in-cheek title, "Four Virgins," was picked as winner.

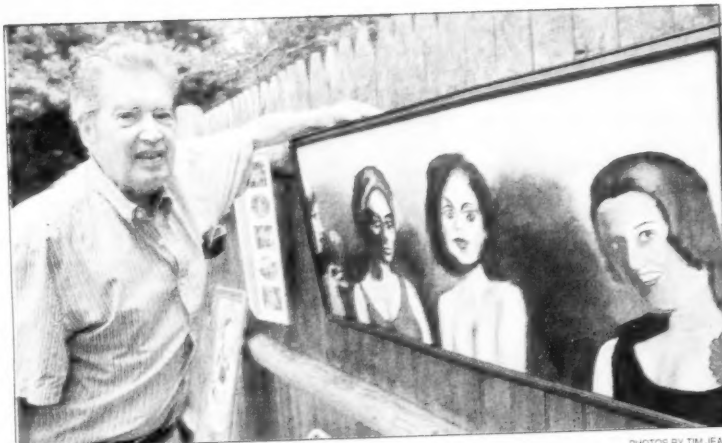
Runners-up were "Sailor's Delight," "Slow Night" and "Ladies Bridge Club."

"I thought it should be called 'Sex and the City' said Epstein," referring to the cable TV program of the same name.

Admission to the Burtons' party required two pieces of art. Epstein brought two photographs capturing local color in Andover. His portrait of Morris Krinsky and still life of old radiators at Krinsky's junkyard were the only photographs hanging on Burton's fence.

"It had more character than any place in town," said Epstein.

All of the works were lovingly framed and obviously the results of hard work. "Most of these people can finish a painting in two weeks," said Burton. Two of the art group's members are school-trained artists; but even they concede the talent of the new-



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Party host Paul Burton solicited title suggestions for his painting. "Four Virgins," was picked as the winner.



Full of character - Marty Epstein brought a portrait of Morris Krinsky and a still life of old radiators at Krinsky's junkyard, which formerly occupied a sprawling lot on Park Street near Bartlett Street.

comers, whom Harriet Newman referred to as "Johnny-come-latelies."

"There are plenty of them who haven't gone to art school who are better than us," said Newman of herself and trained artist Mary Ann Berger.

The seniors are finding friendship and support, as well as their innate talents. The two nights a week of painting and socializing are augmented by trips to museum nights out for dinner, and art openings in Newburyport

and Rockport. Such events gives the seniors opportunities to stay in touch with friends or make new friendships.

"It's a great support group," said Epstein.

"Take care of yourself. Be strong," said Burton to one of her guests who was leaving.

Artists Bud Connelly and Cynthia Penny-packer could not attend the party because of illnesses. Their names were written on a cake to show the group's support for their friends.



Lillian Palumbo stands next to some of her paintings.



William Mahoney hangs his paintings along the pool-side fence.



Artists' rendition - Philip and Jane Vondell hold a watercolor depicting the proposed "Senior Center, 2020 AD."

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

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for a collector's garden and Micki Deyoreo received a silver Mary B. Wakefield medal for a small garden. They were also treated to a luncheon at the Lanam Club.

Many members also participated in North Reading's standard flower show and received many ribbons in the horticultural section and in the design section. Kathrin Baun received a third-place ribbon. Sarah Baun received an honorable mention. Vicki Coderre received second place, and Cathy Henderson received an honorable mention.

For more information about the club, call Cathy Henderson at 978-475-5732.

Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center of the Merrimack Valley, the local branch of the worldwide Chabad Lubavitch movement, announced an upcoming presentation by **Rabbi Dov Ber Pinson** this Sunday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m.

Rabbi Pinson, an author, scholar and lecturer from Brooklyn, N.Y., will lecture on the topic of Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism. The lecture, "Reincarnation and Judaism," will be held at the Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center, 310 N. Main St.

The lecture is part of the group's ongoing Jewish community programming but, notes **Rabbi Asher Bronstein**, "It's also in response to the recent surge in interest."

"Kabbalah is a very misunderstood subject. Its very name sounds mysterious and secretive, which may be part of the reason people are drawn to it. However, there's a lot of confusion, partly because there are people out there who claim to be knowledgeable in Kabbalah, when in fact they are either ignorant of the most basics or are deliberately hiding or skewing things," he says.

Rabbi Pinson explains, "Kabbalah is the understanding of conventional Judaism in very spiritual terms, and the vast collection of printed and oral wisdom that comprises and records that understanding. Contrary to public opinion, Kabbalah is not magic; it does not involve any strange rituals."

The lecture will be open to the greater Jewish community. Admission is \$6, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 978-470-2288.

The American Cancer Society is continuing its fight against breast cancer, while celebrating the progress that has been made in the past 10 years. On Oct. 6, walkers from all parts of Massachusetts will come together for the American Cancer Society's 10th Anniversary Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

To volunteer for this 5-mile walk to save lives, call (toll-free) 1-877-338-WALK.

The New England Quilt Museum Auxiliary Inc. (formerly New England Quilt Guild) announced that "Hope is



Judges from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society toured the gardens of members of the Village Garden Club. Three members received awards from the group.

the Thing With Feathers..." by quilter **Betsey Abbott** of Andover will be exhibited at New England Images 2002 Aug. 15-18, at the **Paul Tsongas Arena** in Lowell.

New England Images 2002 is a biennial quilting conference held for the benefit of the **New England Quilt Museum**.

The more than 300 quilts that will be exhibited at this conference have been juried and

selected by a panel of well-known quilt judges, and include bed quilts, miniatures, wall quilts and group quilts. Both traditional and innovative works will be represented, organizers said.

Special features include daily quilt appraisals, approximately 50 half and full-day workshops with teachers, a showcase and auction of miniature quilts made by invitation and donated by

New England's top quilt makers and professionals for the benefit of the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, an antique show and market, and a merchant's mall.

Admission to the conference at the Paul Tsongas Arena is \$8, which includes admission to the antique show and market, which will be held at the **Lowell Memorial Auditorium**. Classes will be held at **Middlesex Community College** in Lowell.

Daily lectures will be scheduled on a variety of quilt-related topics. For more information, contact Trudi Googins, director, at 603-868-7039; or e-mail <neimages2002@hotmail.com> or visit <www.newenglandimages.org>.



From left, Irene Proulx, Rita Arsenault, Virginia Marruzi, Lorraine Couture and Ginny Johanson bowl every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Candlewood Lanes on Main Street in North Reading. The Andover Ladies are looking for more bowlers. The group says it's good exercise. They won the North Reading Bowling Tournament last spring.

WHAT'S UP

Hot town: Summer in the suburbs

By Kyra Auffermann
What's Up Intern

IF YOU watch MTV, you're inundated with executives commercialized vision of what an American teenage summer should be: a blur of neon bikinis, loud music, and a lot of... well, questionable activities.

A more accurate picture of what summer in suburbia tends to be is composed of stretches of monotony-infused boredom, spiked with sleep, and punctuated by a fun night out or a family vacation.

"I just drive around sometimes, and it seems like nobody's here," commented a 16-year-old girlfriend of mine.

On the other end of the summer-activity spectrum, there are also the diligent overachievers—those people life-guarding, working, babysitting, taking SAT classes and volunteering. Just listening to their schedules

leaves you with the impression that the summer is a blur of activity.

Of course, the reality of a suburban summer is a bit more complex. It's a mix of the mundane and the extraordinary.

For many, the summer is a time of relaxation and family time. It's a chance to catch up on sleep and to spend time with loved ones.

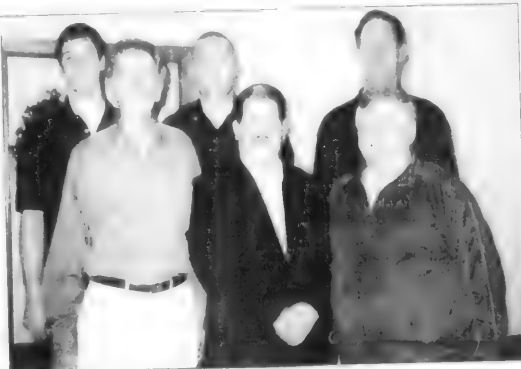
For others, the summer is a time of activity and achievement. It's a chance to get ahead and to make the most of the time.

For some, the summer is a time of transition. It's a chance to prepare for the fall and to look forward to the future. For others, the summer is a time of reflection. It's a chance to look back on the year and to think about the things that have happened.

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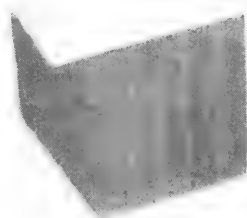


Lawrence Lodge 902 Sons of Italy recently hosted its fifth Annual Spaghetti Dinner for 150 inner city youths of the Police Athletic League. Following the meal, the youngsters received T-shirts and were treated to a talk and autograph-signing by Tom McLaughlin, former Andover High School standout basketball player who attends Princeton University. From left are (back row): Tom McLaughlin, Sgt. Scott McNamara, Tom McLaughlin Sr.; (front row) event coordinator John Mele, Richard Rodriguez, and PAL director Frank Benjamin.

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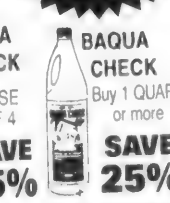
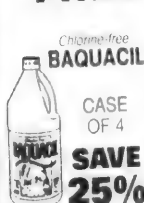
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Education

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Brooks School

The following Andover students attending Brooks School earned highest honors for the spring semester by maintaining an average of 92 or above for the term:

Benjamin Bibler, junior; and Julia Shin, sophomore.

The following students earned high honors by maintaining an average of 88 or above for the term:

Allison Arrigg, junior; Daniel Berman, senior; Wess Cohen, junior; Alexandra Costello, senior; Zoe Costello, freshman; Nicole Johnson, sophomore; Britany Lonero, senior; Megan Russell, junior; Stephen Russell, sophomore; Valerie Saryan, junior; Emily Schwarz, freshman; Kaylan Tildley, junior.

The following students earned honors by maintaining an average of 85 or above for the term:

Ryan Armstrong, sophomore; Allison Caffrey, senior; Joshua Isaacs, senior; Kathleen Lombard, junior; Nicole Lonero, freshman; Nicholas Mauritz, senior; Stephanie Miller, freshman; Meredith Mooney, freshman; Michael Reed, senior; William Shaheen, freshman; William Waters, senior.

Lawrence Academy

Andover students earned academic awards for the spring trimester at Lawrence Academy in Groton. High honors were awarded to sophomore Samantha Koolen and junior Alexander Magnin. Honors were awarded to ninth-grade students Elana Cogliano and Carolyn Sebasky; sophomores Sam Basta, Melissa Martin, and Ryan Nadelson; junior Patricia Delude; and seniors Evan Ozimek-Maier and Thomas Weaver.

Austin Preparatory School

The following students from Andover were named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter at Austin Preparatory School (the term "distinction" indicates that a student has earned straight A's):

Kristen K. Boyce, Grade 11, high honors; Christopher J. Burke, Grade 7, high honors; Patrick T. Burke, Grade 8, distinction; Nicholas J. Caro, Grade 8, high honors; Brian S. Coffey, Grade 9, distinction; Caitrin M. Coffey, Grade 8, honors; Sheila M. Danaher, Grade 11, honors; Renee I. Dudley, Grade 11, high honors; Jason E. Fennessey, Grade 12, high honors; Kierstyn E. Kalman, Grade 10, honors; Taryn E. Kalman, Grade 12, high honors; Melissa A. Kasparian, Grade 11, high honors;

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Committee: Students won't be entering completed schools

By Rebecca Piro

HIGH PLAIN AND WOOD HILL students will start school on time, but they won't be entering completed schools.

Playground equipment won't be ready. Classroom walls will still need paint. But these are items — combined with other punch-list items that will remain incomplete come Sept. 5 — students can live without, says Mark Johnson, chairman of the School Building Committee.

He recommended Monday that the School Committee turn its energy towards opening the new schools for the first day of classes, rather than developing contingency plans in case the new buildings are not ready for occupancy.

"The majority of the punch-list items are paint and touch ups," said Johnson. He estimates that the project is 95 percent complete.

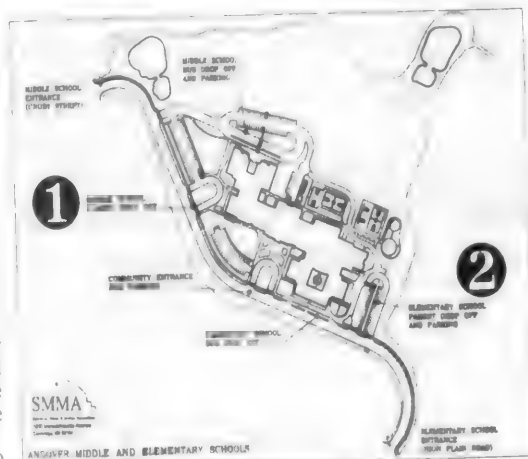
Phil Tuminelli, the town's project manager, and Joe Piantedosi, the town's plant and facilities director, were not available to comment Tuesday on the remaining work. The architects for the project report that floors need a final coat of wax, screens must be installed on windows, walls need to be repainted and many surfaces need to be cleaned.

Other items, like mechanical work and plumbing and electrical inspections, should be complete before the students move into the schools, Johnson said. All "life-safety systems," such as fire alarms, will be complete before students enter the buildings. The auditorium, which will have the most work remaining, can be sealed off from students completely while workers finish. All other work that will create toxic fumes or noise will happen after school hours, when the students are not present, he said. At no time will students see or hear workers.

"The work won't go on (during daytime hours) if it in any way disrupts... the students' education," says Claudia Bach, schools superintendent and a member of the building committee.

Bringing students into an unfinished building will not drag the project on longer than necessary, says Bach, adding that the worry "that the project goes on forever" is a "legitimate concern." But she says she has to trust the building committee's judgement. "Some of the more (skeptical) building committee people feel assured that the... timing won't be delayed," she said.

Steve Callahan, contractor vice-president, who did not return a call from the *Townsmen*, is well



This map shows where school officials want parents to drop off and pick up their children at the new Wood Hill Middle (No. 1) and High Plain Elementary (No. 2) schools. The Cross Street entrance is at upper left; High Plain Road is at lower right.

aware of the circumstances — that contractors will have to work at night, after school hours, and maybe on Saturdays, said architect Lorraine Finnegan.

Johnson hopes the remaining work — with students inside the schools — will not last longer than 30 to 45 days after school opens.

"With the kids in there, it may take a little longer to do the punch list," he admitted. "(But) we're comfortable (that Callahan is) not going to be there for an excessive period of time."

Town: Schools to open on time

WORK TO CONTINUE

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all of them. Member Alan Champagne was not present at Monday night's meeting. He and other members, except Bach, Johnson and Tom Deso, did not return calls from the newspaper Tuesday.

Johnson also says it is unlikely that anything will force Bach's hand to open that contingency file and dust off an unfinished plan.

"Right now, something would have to go very wrong," he says, refusing to even guess what that one thing could be. "I don't see anything right now that's an impediment that couldn't be overcome," he says.

Member Tom Deso, who calls himself the committee's "resident pessimist," agreed

enthusiastically with Johnson. "There's no doubt that these schools are going to open," he says. "It's unbelievable."

The contingency plans, now set aside, include a delayed opening of both schools; distributing students to existing middle and elementary schools; partial occupancy, or allowing students to attend the school that was most complete while construction continues; or staying put, which would mean canceling the redistricting plan for the entire year. Bach insists that the School Committee's recommendation — and her decision to drop the contingency planning — is not setting up the schools for disaster if Callahan fails to come through at the very last moment. Bach says, if needed, she could choose an appropriate contin-

gency plan quickly — despite the fact that the School Committee has discussed them for months without resolution — and have the students in classes, somewhere, without missing a beat.

"We'd burn some midnight oil, perhaps, but we'd be ready," she promises.

Neither does Bernie Tuttle, the schools' business manager, think that dropping the contingency planning means dropping the ball.

"The very worst-case scenario would be maybe a couple of days' delay. (We would) make up the time at the end of the year," he says.

General contractor John T. Callahan & Sons has made great strides in the last couple of weeks, says Johnson. The audi-

torium, which even Steve Callahan, contractor vice-president, said would be delayed, is moving along faster than the architects expected. Workers will remove the construction trailers from the site next week. Paying will commence on Aug. 19. The phones are up and running. The security and fire alarms are installed and programmed. The water and electrical are turned on.

"It's purely troubleshooting, finding any bugs and working them out at this point," said architect Lorraine Finnegan.

So what jump-started Callahan to make the giant push in the past two weeks that pumped up the building committee's confidence?

Johnson says he's been meeting twice a week with the contractor and subcontractors. The School Building Committee has also withheld \$56,000 from

Callahan for missing the June 21 target date for project completion. The contract allows the town to charge Callahan \$2,000 per day for liquidated damages for every day the project is late. The town has also not yet paid Callahan the remaining 5 percent of the total contract. Johnson does not expect to withhold any more than that amount at this point.

"We're not (yet) giving back any money that we've withheld," says Johnson. Financial issues will be settled with the contractor "once everyone's in school."

Bach says she will send parents a letter informing them of bus routes and other information as soon as she has the certificate of occupancy in her hands. Johnson is expecting to receive the certificate by Aug. 16.

Parent on the street

Reaction to schools opening is positive

By Ben Hellman

Parents Lori Morrow and Peggy Gruszka were excited to hear the latest news on the new schools' building project. The School Building Committee announced this week that they expect the new schools to open on time.

"That's what I've been hoping," said Morrow.

"That's wonderful news," said Gruszka.

Neither of the women have children in the new schools, but would have been affected if the new-school students were distributed to the existing schools. The women were upset that class sizes were going up even if there was more space in the buildings. They were especially concerned about class size at South Elementary where they have children.

"It's most disappointing to support the new schools so wholeheartedly (and have) class sizes going up," said Gruszka.

Told that Superintendent Claudia Bach pledged that no work would be done that put students in contact with work-

ers, the women preferred that the schools open even if the auditorium and punch-list items still need to be completed.

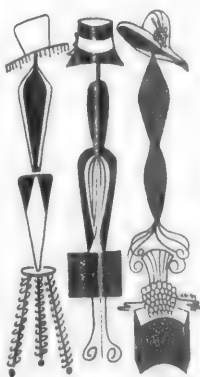
Parent Emma Frey has had experience with construction and students and wasn't concerned by the prospect. "I worked at a high school where (the students) moved in and they did work around them," she said.

Parent Paul Properzio has a daughter going into her sophomore year at Andover High School. He recalled the construction problems at the high school years ago and has been skeptical about some of the well-publicized schools' budget problems and complaints this year. "It's politics and we don't need it," he said. He was under the impression that teachers would be laid off and when the override of Proposition 2 failed. None were, though positions were eliminated.

He said he was sorry to see cuts to schools music program. "It's not bad decision makers, but it's some bad decision making," he said.



Can't wait for school! — (First row from left) Elizabeth Scobie, Jessica Frey, Alex Hsu, Lucy Frey, Emily Scobie and Jessica Morrow. (Behind) Emma Frey, Lori Morrow and Peggy Gruszka. Patrick Morrow is in the tree.



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Holderness School

Frank Mundo, a senior at the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., has been named the recipient of the Fiore Cup for excellence in the theatre arts at that school's recent commencement exercises.

This year at Holderness, Mundo was also named to the first- and fourth-quarter honor rolls; participated in the school's on-campus student jobs program; sang in the school chorus and performed lead roles in school dramatic productions; played on the varsity football team and junior varsity baseball teams; raced on a varsity snowboarding team that claimed a central New England prep school champi-

onship; and participated in Senior Colloquium, carrying out an intensive two-week study of the workings of an ecological system.

Frank Mundo is the son of Frank E. Mundo of Rockport and Evelyn R. O'Brien of Andover.

Academy of Notre Dame

The Academy of Notre Dame announced its honor roll for the fourth quarter. The following students from Andover were named to the list:

Principal's list: Colleen P. Griffin.

First honors: Paige M. Stillwell.

Second honors: Megan M. Griffin.

Phillips Exeter Academy

Andover residents Cyril K. Chan, a 12th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., and Alexander U. Marsh, a 10th-grader, have earned honors for the spring term.

Chan, in his fourth year at the secondary school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin L. Chan.

Marsh, in his second year at the school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Marsh.

Belmont Hill School

Residents from Andover recently achieved academic honors for the year at Belmont Hill School. High honors is granted to boys who earn an average of B+ or better in a four- or five-course program.

Honors is granted to boys who earn a B average in a four- or five-course program.

Andover students who received honors are: Colin Pearce Hutzler, son of Charles and Lisa Hutzler; and Christopher Sheridan Shannon, son of Michael and Carolyn Shannon.

St. Paul's School

William J. Dunn III of Andover was among the students to receive diplomas during the graduation exercises at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H.

Dunn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Dunn Jr., received his diploma with distinction in drama. He received the James Appleton Thayer Medal for his contribution to the Dramatics Club.

Dunn enrolled at St. Paul's School in the third form (ninth grade). An accomplished actor, he performed several lead roles while at school, including productions of Shakespeare's *Measure of Measure* and Moliere's *Tartuffe*. He directed *Glengarry Glen*

Ross and Sure Thing. He served as co-head of the Dramatics Society. In the summer between his third and fourth form years, he was the only high-school-age actor selected to perform at the Moscow Art Theater at the American Repertory Theater.

He was coxswain for the boys first boat that competed for the Princess Elizabeth Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta in England during the summer before his sixth form year.

A four-year varsity wrestler, he served as a captain in his sixth form year and earned All-Independent School League recognition. He received the Baker-Buxton Wrestling Medal for his contribution to the wrestling program.

He was also selected by a panel of students and faculty to serve as a prefect in his residential house. He was elected form director of the form of 2002.

In the fall he plans to attend Tufts University.

Tabor Academy

The following Andover students were named to the honors list at Tabor Academy in Marion for the second semester of the 2001-02 academic year.

High honors is earned by compiling an overall average of 90 or above. Stu-

dents earn commendation for achieving an overall average of 80 or above, with no grade below 75 and no more than one grade between 75 and 80.

High honors, class of 2005: Stephanie Crabtree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Crabtree.

Honors, class of 2003: Allison Crabtree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Crabtree.

Acadia Institute

The Acadia Institute of Oceanography (AIO) at Seal Harbor, Maine announced that Christina Saccone, who will be in the seventh grade at West Middle School this fall, attended the 2002 summer session in Marine Studies. The child of Christina Saccone, Christina attended AIO from July 7-20, and was recommended for admittance into this highly selective program by Lisa Brouillard.

The AIO program is a full field-study of tidal pools, estuaries, salt-marshes, sand beaches and offshore sampling. All phases of oceanography are explored. Laboratory facilities provide space and instrumentation for special marine projects.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR



The King and I will be showing at the Amesbury Playhouse in Amesbury from Friday, Aug. 9 through Saturday, Aug. 31. Those interested can call 978-388-9444 for reservations.

Thursday, August 8

Talk, The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Network presents "Helping You Combat the Effects of Sun Damaged Skin and Facial Aging," presented by Susan C. Elias M.D., hosted by Windkist Medical Laser Aesthetics & Spa, \$10 chamber members, \$20 non-members, 5-7 p.m., 168 North Main St.; 978-686-0900.

Theatre, *Alice in Wonderland*, Austin Prep School, \$7 individual, \$5 group rate (more than 12), 10 a.m., tickets at the door, 101 Willow St., Reading; 781-944-4900 Ext. 18.

Live music, sponsored by Fleet Bank, the Haverhill City Band, free, 7 p.m., Washington Square, Haverhill.

Picnic concert, White Lightnin', high-energy band playing an array of pop music, \$5 members per car, \$15 non-members per car, 7 p.m., Castle Hill, Gloucester; Whitney Pearce 978-412-2558.

Businesswomen talk, Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc. presents "Taking your business to the next level" by Lori Barton, executive director of small-business incubator Enterprise Center at Salem State College, \$10, 8:30 a.m., Village Green Restaurant, Rt. 1-North, Newbury St., Danvers; 978-531-3051.

Live music, children's series, Jackson Gillman, wit, music and wisdom, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Theatre, *Much Ado About Nothing*, Sleepy Lion Theatre, through Aug. 10, \$15 adults, \$5 children, seniors 65+, 7 p.m., 49 Salem Rd., Topsfield; 978-807-1364, <www.sleepy-lion.org>.

Friday, August 9

Live comedy, John Turco, Tony Moschetto, Stacey Pema, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Don Gavin, Eric Lydon, Dan Kinno, 9 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Cabaret, 2002 Summer Cabaret Showcase, \$15, \$13 BACA members, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, <www.stonehamtheatre.org>.

Canal Heritage Days, August 9-August 11, Lowell National Historical Park, Tsongas Industrial History Center, American Textile History Museum and Middlesex Canal Museum - Visitor Center will host Canal Days 2002. The event consists of three days of tours and programs commemorating America's early canal heritage, music and keynote address, free, 6 p.m., American Textile History Museum; 978-970-5000, <http://www.nps.gov/lowe/canal-heritage/>.

Live music, Asleep at the Wheel, \$10, children 12 and under free, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Tall Ship, The US Coast Guard tall ship *Eagle* will dock at Salem Harbor Station, free, open to the public, 1 - 4:30 p.m., Salem Harbor Station.

Theatre, *Alice in Wonderland*, see August 8 entry.

Theatre, *Much Ado About Nothing*, see August 8 entry.

Saturday, August 10

Theatre, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, sponsored by Aisling Arts, a New York City arts initiative, free with a suggested donation of \$5, \$10 per family, 1 p.m., rain or

shine, Lawrence Heritage State Park, Visitors Center Park, Lawrence; 413-827-8806

Folk, Eric Comstock, \$25, \$21 students, seniors, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, <www.stonehamtheatre.org>.

Live music, children's series, Angkor Dance Troupe, Cambodian arts ensemble, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Live music, Marcia Ball, \$10, children 12 and under free, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Artist's reception, Churchill Gallery presents artist Alan Eddy, *Whispers O'er the Sea*, free, 3 - 6 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891

Artist exhibit, North Shore Arts Association presents Nearly Wet Paint Auction, preview and light buffet, \$10, 5:30 auction 7 p.m., 197 East Main St., Gloucester.

Canal Heritage Days, Lowell National Historical Park boat ride, reservations required, regular fees apply for boat tours, special programs at Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center and Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Tsongas Industrial History Center, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., all lectures and performances free, regular fees apply for museums and boat rides. See Aug. 9 entry.

Tall Ship, Noon - 7 p.m., open to the public free, 2 - 4 p.m., The US Coast Guard Band performs on Derby Wharf at Salem Maritime Historic Site. See Aug. 9 entry.

Live comedy, John Turco, Tony Moschetto, Stacey Pema, see Aug. 9 entry.

Live comedy, Don Gavin, Eric Lydon, Dan Kinno, 8 p.m. and 10:30, see Aug. 9 entry.

Theatre, *Much Ado About Nothing*, see Aug. 8 entry.

Sunday, August 11

Lecture, Jewish scholar to lecture on the purpose and function of Jewish mysticism, \$6, 8 p.m., Chabad Center; Rabbi Asher Bronstein 978-470-2288 or <Chabad.mv@verizon.net>.

Postal Appreciation Day, A tribute to local heroes — North Reading Police and Fire Departments and Camp Curtis National Guard, free, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Middlesex-Essex Processing and Distribution Center, 76 Main St., North Reading.

Live Jazz, Ted Casher, Barbara and Al Boudreau, \$5 music charge, reservation recommended, Studio Restaurant, Rocky Neck Ave, Gloucester; 978-283-4123.

Theatre, *The Wizard of Oz*, \$26, 2 p.m., North Shore Music Theatre, Beverly.

Car Meet, Architecture and Automobiles cars will line the historic Chestnut Street, tours of Phillips House and carriage house, music, free, noon - 3 p.m., weather permitting, The Stephen Phillips Trust House, 34 Chestnut St., Salem; 978-744-0440.

Canal Heritage Days, Middlesex Canal Museum - Visitors Center in Billerica, free canoe and boat tours 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. see Aug. 9 entry.

Tall Ship, open to the public free, 1-7 p.m. see Aug. 9 entry.

Theatre, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, see Aug. 10 entry.

Monday, August 12

Theatre, *Twelfth Night*, Shakespeare in Skate Park, free, gates open 6:30 p.m., show 7 p.m., Skate Park, behind West Middle School; Thea Shapiro 978-474-9908.

Tuesday, August 13

Network, The Women's Network in

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Stage fright? Not here

Actors set Shakespeare's scenes at AYS skatepark

By Ben Hellman

Ho there! Upon the half pipe, it is my lord Orsino! That line won't appear in next week's Andover production of *Twelfth Night*, but with Shakespeare in the Skate Park, anything goes.

With less than a week until their opening, the cast of *Twelfth Night* is boning up on their lines and settling into their blocking. On Monday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m., bathed in the glow of the setting sun, the young thespians will mount the various skate-park obstacles and bring the immortal bard to Andover.

Like most directors this close to an opening, director and recent Andover High School graduate Jillian Ternullo has plenty to keep her occupied. With new actors appearing this week to take on small, unclaimed roles, and actors behind the skate park's pyramid struggling to hear their cues, she'll remain busy until the show, ironing out any glitches.

"I have complete confidence in this play," she said, smiling. And well she may. With leading lady Amanda Weldin strutting across the park's various platforms as Olivia, and Jeffrey Cutts speaking loudly as Orsino, there is plenty of confidence to go around.

Shakespeare newcomer and West Middle School eighth-grader Weldin appears coolly confident on stage, aloof to those playing her servants. Asked how she felt about the



Amanda Weldin, left, practices becoming her character Olivia, while fellow actress Sarah Cutts follows along in the script of *Twelfth Night*.

rapidly approaching opening night she said, "I'm not incredibly nervous yet." This is her first major part in a play. "I feel all special because I have so many lines," she said.

The comedy has all of the exciting Shakespearean elements in it, with hidden identities, mixed-up lovers and comic misunderstandings.

In the character of Viola,

Pike School seventh-grader Sarah Cutts pretends at times to be a man. "I have to talk low, try to walk like a guy," she said. Cutts has the added pressure of playing scenes with her brother, but she's not worried. "It's a little weird. It doesn't really matter if you're a good actress," she said.

Her brother feels the same way. "She's just another actress

I'm working with," he said. Cutts is one of the many first-time skate-park performers and is having a great time. He will be a freshman at Philips Academy in September. "I think it's great. We use the ramps a lot. It's not just a theater with backdrops," he said.

"It's kind of cool to be up higher than the audience," agreed Weldin.

If the platforms make the show better, they also present a challenge to the company. Ternullo, who will major in theater at Salem State this fall, called the skate park "a versatile medium. It really helps strengthen your acting," she said. The actors must project louder than they would inside a theater and perform bigger than they would because they won't be lit as well. Volume is a particular problem outside. The actors perform around the audience and have to be careful not to turn away or their lines will be lost. When the actors are up above the audience they have to work extra hard as well.

"I think the kids are learning a lot. It makes me happy. Everybody seems to be having a lot of fun," she said.

The performance is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



The skate park isn't the typical venue for a Shakespeare play, but the young thespians say they're adapting just fine.



This watercolor by Margaret Lesk is one of many such works to be featured in the August show.

Art show to feature summer scenes

The Newburyport Art Association presents Plein Air Paintings: a featured artist exhibition and sale.

The show is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 15 through Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Sam Sargent Gallery and The Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, located at 65 Water St., Newburyport. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The public is invited to the opening reception, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The show includes works by Cynthia Cooper, Marie Crone, Bob Gertz, Joan Hancock, Marjet Lesk, Carol Reynolds, Dan Shaw, Janet Sutherland and Bud Smith, aka Jacob Towle. The show will feature watercolors, oils, acrylics, and pastels painted outdoors.

Merrimack College focuses on photography

An exhibit that combines adult and children's portraits will be featured at the McQuade Gallery at Merrimack College from now until Friday, Aug. 30.

Doug Garabrants' show entitled *Pentimento* is the result of 30 years of working in the field of photography, according to a release.

"These moody photos of people, mostly children doing what they love, have a fun and romantic feel. There is an abundance of alternative processes represented in this exhibit — pin hole, plastic cameras and Polaroid transfer. My vision is of a world in motion — kinetic energy in the moment," says Garabrants.

Garabrants is a graduate of the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, Calif.

The McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is free of charge. Merrimack College is located in North Andover at the intersection of routes 125 and 114.

Garabrants' work has been exhibited nationally in California at the Western States Museum of Photography in Santa Barbara; Seawalds Photographic Gallery in Lucadia; and the Sheraton Premiere Gallery in Studio City. He has also exhibited at the Newburyport Art Association in Newburyport and the Mullen Gallery in Wenham.



Doug Garabrants takes photos of kids having fun, like in this photo featured in *Pentimento*.

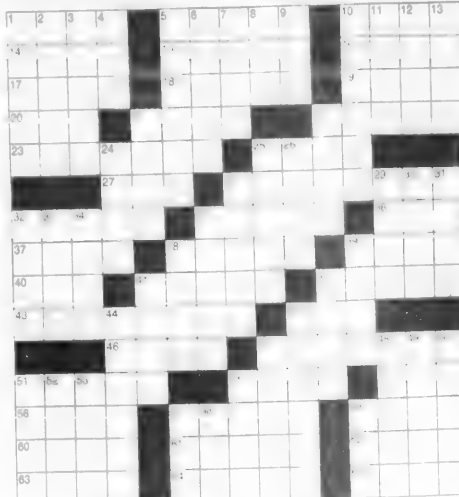
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21. Sense
22. Chip off
23. Forebear
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28. Courage
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35. Villain
36. Express pleasure
37. Dominate
38. Pains
39. 4840 square yards
40. Fib
41. Worn
42. Any of various small plant-sucking insects
43. Outdoor
45. No (Scottish)
46. Chop up
47. Peace officer
51. Distributed
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55. Stout, for one

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4. Wield
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6. Tester
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8. Atom
9. Creation
10. Morose
11. Capital of Western Samoa
12. Bop
13. Type of blow
21. Enrich
22. Become lost
24. Secure
25. Wet
26. Greater than zero
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29. Individual
30. Frock
31. Rid
32. Writing paper
33. Tube
34. Unfit to be eaten
35. Farm
38. Leave of absence
39. Imitates
41. Brew
42. Swiss river
44. Rupture of a blood vessel
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48. Rule
49. Unsocial
50. Nikolai ___, Bolshevik theorist
51. Hold still
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53. Disposition to do something
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57. Bring together
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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Network. The Women's Network in Career Development Center, informational meeting about women returning to school, free, 6 - 8 p.m. Northern Essex Community College, Bentley Library Conference Area at NECC Haverhill campus; reservations and information 978-556-3722.

Candidate Series. meet Claire Dalton, wife of Robert Reich, who is running for Governor of Massachusetts, free, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m., Marland Place, 978-475-4225.

Free outdoor film. *Pete's Dragon* 8:30 p.m., Columbus Park, Haverhill, sponsored by England's MicroCreamery, 109 Washington St., Haverhill; weather permitting; 978-373-6400.

Live jazz. *The Alex Minasian Quartet*, 55, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Chamber Music Concert. Eden's Edge, free, 2 p.m. meet-the artists reception will be held following the concert, Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church in Danvers; 978-768-6229 or 781-237-1814 <www.edensedge.homestead.com>.

Wednesday, August 14

Live Music. Thomas Heywood, Organ Recital, \$7 adults, \$2 children under 12, 7:30 p.m., Methuen

Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; <www.mmmh.org>

Live music in the Park. sponsored by Department of Community Services, featuring Compacq Big Band, free, 6 p.m., bring picnic, blankets and chairs, corner of Bartlett and Chestnut streets; Mary Donohue 978-623-8274.

Talk. Executive Directors' Forum, Fundraising: Executive Strategies that Work, panel discussion, 8 - 10:30 a.m., pre-registered \$20, \$30 at the door, Northern Essex Community College - Bentley Library, conference area, Haverhill; Ren 781-395-4999 Ext. 15 <richstaples@yahoo.com>.

Talk. The Civil War Roundtable of Merrimack Valley featured topic is Dr. Mary Edwards Walker - recipient of the Medal of Honor, free, 7:30 p.m., The Hilton Senior Center, 61 Lafayette Road., Salisbury; contact Tom 978-462-8518.

Theatre. *Much Ado About Nothing*, see Aug. 8 entry.

Thursday, August 15

Luncheon. Women's Business Network with Government Affairs Committee features an informative luncheon program, with Kerry Healey, Mitt Romney's choice for lieutenant governor, noon - 1:30 p.m., \$17 members, \$25 non-members, Andover Inn, Chapel Avenue; 978-686-0900.

Quilt Show. New England Images



Arturo Delmonico plays in a series of concerts with Eden's Edge this month.

2002, The New England Quilt Museum Auxiliary Inc. (formerly New England Quilt Guild) exhibition featuring over 300 quilts by artists from America and abroad including Betsey Abbott of Andover, \$8, covers exhibits, demonstrations, talks and the Antique Market Show, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Paul Tsongas Arena Lowell; Trudie Googins 603-868-7039 <newenglandimages.org>.

Fundraiser. Bradford College Neighborhood Association is hosting Taste of Haverhill, an opportunity to taste foods of local restaurants \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, 7 - 11:30 p.m., American Legion, Haverhill; 978-521-6301.

Live music. a pop concert for kids, 55, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummersmusic.org>.

Children's Series. Ronald McDonald will lead kids in a special reading program, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummersmusic.org>.

Theatre. *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, 6:30 p.m., rain or shine, Winnekenni Castle, Haverhill. See Aug. 10 entry.

Live music. sponsored by Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union, the Windham Swing Band, free, 7 p.m., Washington Square, Haverhill.

Theatre. *Much Ado About Nothing*, see Aug. 8 entry.

Friday, August 16

Live comedy. Mark Scalia, David Greenberg, Adam Perlman, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy. Rocco & Rosie's, 9 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Artist reception. Newburyport Art Association's Sam Sargent Gallery and the Laura Coombs Gallery, free, 7 - 9 p.m., 65 Water St., Newburyport

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Whisper O'er the Sea, an oil on canvas painting by Alan Eddy, is part of an exhibit opening Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Churchill Gallery in Newburyport. See listing for details.

Winnecenni Castle, Haverhill. See Aug. 10 entry.

Theatre, *Much Ado About Nothing*, see Aug. 8 entry.

Quilt Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Aug. 15 entry.

Saturday, August 17

Fishing Festival, Harold Parker State Forest, annual fishing festival, fishing, games, raffles and more, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., free, Sudden Pond, North Andover; 978-475-7972.

Chamber Music Concert, Eden's Edge, \$20, music students \$14, 2 p.m. meet-the artists reception will be held following the concert. Barn at Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, 290 Argilla Rd., Ipswich; 978-768-6229 or 781-237-1814 <www.edensedge.homestead.com>.

Chamber Music Concert, Eden's Edge, \$18, 5 p.m. meet the artists reception will be held following the concert. King Hooper Mansion, 8 Hooper St., Marblehead; for reservations and information call 978-631-2608 <www.edensedge.homestead.com>.

Live comedy, Bob Gautreau, Charlie Kwaks, Mark Riley, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live music, Eric Burdon and the

New Animals, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Children's Series, Music concert of Disney movies, *Harry Potter and Socrates' Stone* and a narrated presentation of *Peter and the Wolf*, free, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Live comedy, Mark Scalia, David Greenberg, Adam Perlman, see Aug. 10 entry.

Theatre, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, 7 p.m., see Aug. 10 entry.

Theatre, *Much Ado About Nothing*, see Aug. 8 entry.

Quilt Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., see Aug. 15 entry.

Sunday, August 18

Theatre, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, 7 p.m., see Aug. 10 entry.

Chamber Music Concert, Eden's Edge, \$80, meet-the artists reception will be held following the concert. Hammond Castle Museum, 80 Hesperus Ave., Ipswich; 978-768-6229 or 781-237-1814 <www.edensedge.homestead.com>.

Quilt Show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., see Aug. 15 entry.

Artists trade brush, paint for needle, thread

The Whistler House Museum of Art announces the inaugural opening of *Art Quilts at the Whistler*. This juried, international show will showcase 32 art quilts representing artists from 15 states and three foreign countries. Artists from 39 states and four foreign countries submitted a total of 360 works. In addition, a juried exhibit of members' works from The Professional Fiber Artists of New England (ProFANE) will be in the adjacent gallery. Both shows will be open from Wednesday, Aug. 14 through Saturday, Aug. 31. The Whistler House Museum of Art is located at 243 Worthen St., Lowell. Those interested can call 978-452-7641 for details.

The opening weekend coincides with the Lowell Quilt Festival. The Whistler will have extended hours from Thursday, Aug. 15 through Sunday, Aug. 18. Also planned at the Whistler are an opening reception on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.; a gallery tour on Sunday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m.; and a joint panel discussion with 21 quilt artists on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.

The art quilt movement has been growing in the United States and across Europe and Asia, according to the release. Artworks are being collected by such museums as The Renwick Gallery in Washington, DC and the American Craft Museum in New York, NY. Internationally known artists such as Deidre Scherer, Jette Clover, Natasha Kempers-Cullen and Linda Colsh have works in the show.

Art Quilts at the Whistler is an overview of the current state of the movement. Landscapes, abstracts and a portrait in fabric and thread and a 3-D work will be balanced by traditionally inspired pieces.

Reel advice on fishing at annual festival

Residents are invited to the 15th Annual Fishing Festival Saturday, Aug. 17 at Sudden Pond in Harold Parker State Forest from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The festival will feature fishing, fishing games, a contest for kids, a raffle, and more. There will be advice on baiting, filleting, casting and cleaning. The event is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Massachusetts Wildlife Angler Education Program (AERP). Those interested can call 978-475-7972 for more information.

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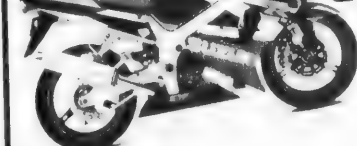
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Sports



Phil Shaw, who will be a senior at Andover High in the fall, turned in a personal-best 4:26.07 mile, 9 seconds less than his former best time.

Fast times in Maine

Shaw, Galebach compete at Bowdoin

CURRENT AND PAST Andover High track runners Phil Shaw and Tim Galebach, both distance standouts, competed earlier this summer in the prestigious New Balance Maine Distance Festival held at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

Shaw, competing in the boys high-school mile against 11 other top runners from throughout New England and eastern Canada, placed fourth in an impressive personal record time of

4:26.07.

The AHS senior-to-be, a cross country, indoor and outdoor track captain, eclipsed his previous best time by a whopping nine seconds.

The race was won by Tom Englehart of Halifax, Nova Scotia in 4:15.65.

Shaw is running with the Speedlynx Team this summer.

Tim Galebach, a 2001 AHS graduate and arguably the best distance runner ever at the school with numerous

cross country and track honors at the conference, state and regional levels, finished fifth in the boys high school 800 meters with a 1:58.74 clocking.

This race was also won by a Canadian, Nolan Fyfe, whose 1:52.89 time bettered the existing meet record by more than a second.

Phil Capodilupo of North Andover, a physical education teacher at AHS and an assistant track coach, was an official at the meet.

—Rick Harrison

Bay State Summer Games

Local athletes in Summer Games

By Rick Harrison

Several Andover swimmers helped the Northeast Scholastic team win another gold medal at the recent Bay State Summer Games.

Northeast piled up 1,357 points in the three-day co-ed competition at the Harvard University pool, while runner-up Central/West had 1,183 points. Southeast/Coastal 957 and Metro 214.

Lauren Harlow highlighted the local performances by setting a new BSG record of 5:21.71 in the women's 17-over senior division 400 meter individual medley.

Harlow also placed first in the senior 200 IM (2:31.53) and swam a leg on the record-setting women's 17-over 400 medley relay (4:55.53).

Caitlin Hamer anchored the victorious women's 17-over 200 medley relay (2:22.14) and finished a strong third in the senior division 400 meter freestyle (4:49.56).

In the age 14-16 girls scholastic division, Diana Harlow won the 200 meter backstroke (2:31.23). Julia Nizinski touched fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:25.35) and Courtney Hamer placed eighth in the 200 butterfly (2:52.01).

These Andover swimmers are also members of the North Shore Sharks YMCA team, and several were among the 30 the Sharks qualified for the YMCA Summer National Championships held last week at the University of Maryland (see story at right).

Other Andover residents who were registered to compete in the Bay State Games, some surviving pre-Games tryouts to earn their spots:

• Jenny Muller was a guard

on the Northeast Scholastic girls basketball team.

• Ben Hoerner, a sophomore at Phillips Academy, was a forward on the Northeast Scholastic boys ice hockey team.

• Kim MacElhaney, a junior at Austin Prep, and Andover High sophomore Verissa Montalbano were forwards on the Northeast Scholastic girls ice hockey team. MacElhaney was one of the top goal scorers in the state during the high school hockey season last winter. The Northeast girls hockey team received one of several 2002 BSG New Balance Sportsmanship Awards.

• Midfielders Nick Stamas and Drew Ward (Phillips Academy) competed for the Northeast Scholastic boys lacrosse team.

• Demorie Crawford and Jessica Wailes, who attend Governor Dummer Academy, were forwards on the Metro/Northeast Scholastic girls lacrosse team.

• Phillips Academy freshman forward Britney McKenna was a member of the Northeast Scholastic girls soccer team.

• Junior setter/outside hitter David Hsu and junior Matt Monteiro played on the Northeast Scholastic boys volleyball team.

• Junior outside hitter Christine Sullivan, who attends Central Catholic, was on the Northeast Scholastic girls volleyball team.

• Tufts University graduates Danielle Lightburn, Ashley Cohen, Margaret Gillan, Kelly Mahoney and Faryn Shiro competed in synchronized swimming.

• Sheri Bernstein and Andrew O'Connell competed in gymnastics.

• Carolyn Purcell, Brian Axelrod and David Ong played

tennis.

• Completing the list of Andover registrants were T.J. Sico (archery), Andrew Fraser (fencing), Torey Nicholson (judo), Mike Ong (table tennis), Jeff Pena (wrestling), Don Sheldon (7 on 7 soccer), David Sheldon (track, wrestling), Aaron Williams (track) and Shirley Yacubowicz (judo).

Locals speed Sharks to 13th place finish

Andover sisters Lauren and Diana Harlow, along with Caitlin Hamer, helped the YMCA of the North Shore Sharks place 13th in a field of 130 teams from across the country in the YMCA Summer Long Course Swimming Championships last week at the University of Maryland.

More than 1,100 athletes competed at the national event, which required swimmers to meet difficult qualifying times.

The overall national championship team was Roanoke Central from Virginia.

Lauren Harlow and Hamer helped the 400 meter free relay to eighth place with a 4:09.18 time.

Individually, 17-year-old Lauren Harlow placed eighth in the 400 IM (5:13.80), ninth in the 200 IM (2:28.36), 13th in the 1,500 freestyle (18:15.97) and 20th in the 800 free (9:35.58).

Diana Harlow, 15, was 11th in the 400 IM (5:13.38), 19th in the 200 backstroke (2:30.33), 27th in the 200 butterfly (2:33.72) and 33rd in the 200 IM (2:33.53).

Hamer, 17, finished 31st in the 400 freestyle (4:44.90), 44th in the 200 free (2:15.58) and 96th in the 100 free (1:04.23).

Patrick Rulon-Miller, 18, placed 59th in the 200 backstroke (2:25.41).

Shockers achieve playoff berth in first season

Local North Shore Baseball League team has number of former AHS players on roster

By Rick Harrison

The first-year Andover Shockers of the North Shore Baseball League recently completed their inaugural regular season with a 9-15 overall record, slugging the North Andover Red Storm 8-1 to earn a shot at a playoff berth.

Former Andover High standout Mark Rocca fired a four-hitter and fanned eight as the winning pitcher versus North Andover.

Chris Caverly drove in four runs with a pair of timely hits. Jeff Volinski (Tufts University) clubbed a two-run triple and run-scoring doubles were lashed by Andy and Jeff Marshall.

Earlier in the season, Bob Mazza helmed a first-inning grand slam that

provided all the runs necessary as the Shockers rolled to a 7-2 victory over the Saugus Braves.

Along the way Andover dropped tough 2-1 and 3-0 extra-inning decisions to the Kingston (N.H.) Knight Owls, lost 6-1 to the Salem (Mass.) Legends and were beaten 9-3 and 2-1 by the Peabody Champions.

The locals also registered an impressive victory against the defending NSL champion Swampscott Sox.

"Five of our first seven games were against three of the top teams in the league," said Shockers' player/manager Adam Perry at the time. "We seemed to have one bad inning in every loss."

"We're scuffling around a little but

we're going to get better."

The Shockers roster was comprised of former Andover High players, some of whom played college ball last spring.

EARLIER GAMES Andover 7 Saugus 2

Lefty pitcher Jeff Volinski (2-1) tossed a complete-game five-hitter and fanned four, keeping the Braves off balance, as the Shockers won it with four runs in the first and three in the second.

Bob Mazza's 'slam was preceded by two Saugus errors, allowing Chris Caverly and Jeff Marshall to reach base, and a walk to Volinski.

In the second Caverly walked, Marshall drilled a ground-rule double, Volinski slapped a two-run single and he later crossed on a fielder's choice grounder.

Saugus notched its only two runs in the third.

Marshall finished with a multiple-hit game, lacing a double and single, while other Shocker safeties were contributed by Caverly, Chris King and Adam Perry.

Peabody 9 Andover 3

The bad inning in this one was the bottom of the second, as Peabody erased a 2-0 deficit by scoring six runs with five of them unearned.

The Shockers also did their scoring early with single runs in each of the first three frames.

Chris Caverly had two of the locals' four hits, all singles, and he also collected an RBI and played a strong defensive game at shortstop.

Adam Perry and Andrew Marshall added a safety each, and runs were scored by Perry, Chris King and Jeff Volinski.

Chris Nash drove in a run with a sac-fly, Charlie Daher reached base three times on walks and catcher Bob Mazza contributed a strong defensive effort.

Alex Marshall started on the mound and took the loss, while Mark Matos

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Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served and there will be a raffle. The cost is \$10 for chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Call the chamber at 978-686-0900.

Tage Inn supports community

Tage Inns, with locations in Andover, Milford and Somerville, continue to show their support for the victims and families of the September 11th attack on America by planning to donate 50 percent of room revenue from Sept. 11, 2002 to the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund.

Started in January, the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund is a non-profit organization established to provide financial assistance and coordinate free legal, financial advisory and counsel services for the families of 9/11 victims living in Massachusetts.

"It remains important to us to help our country as well as the local community," said Joe Tagliente, president of Tage Inns. "We hope that our contribution to the relief efforts will help continue to unite our country and preserve the American way of life."

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Ingram named audit partner at Deloitte & Touche

Andover resident Steve Ingram joins Deloitte & Touche as audit partner. Ingram will service technology and venture capital companies from Deloitte's Tech Venture Center in Waltham.

The Boston office of Deloitte & Touche LLP announced that it will be adding a total of eight partners, directors, and principals and approximately 75 other professionals to enhance its client service capabilities in the technology, real estate, financial services, private investment, multi-state, and employee benefits sectors.

Dempsey joins Sonic Software as vice president of marketing

Sonic Software announced that Tim Dempsey has joined the company as vice president of marketing. In this role, Dempsey is responsible for all aspects of corporate, direct response, product and partner marketing for Sonic Software, which is located in Bedford, Mass.

"Tim has proven his ability to establish compelling business value for a variety of complex technologies," said Greg O'Connor, president of Sonic Software. "His creativity and clarity in communicating the business benefits of Sonic's products and services will accelerate our growth and extend our leadership in enterprise-class messaging and standards-based integration."

Dempsey has more than 15 years of experience in software marketing, sales support and engineering. Prior to joining Sonic, Dempsey was vice president of corporate marketing at Netegrity Inc., a market leader in Web single sign-on and identity management. Dempsey also served as chief marketing officer for Bowstreet Inc. from 1999-01, where he launched the Web services pioneer and drove revenue growth to \$50 million in 18 months. During his tenure at Lotus Development Corp., he led Notes product marketing as the business grew to more than \$500 million in revenue. He also led the company's worldwide business partner program, which surpassed the 15,000-member mark. Before moving on from the company in 1999, Dempsey was also vice president of e-business software marketing in IBM's Software Group, where his team defined the market and product requirements for the IBM WebSphere application server.

Sonic Software can be reached on the Web at <sonicsoftware.com>, or call 781-999-7000, or 1-866-GET-SONIC.



Shaun Garrity tees off at the Rolling Green Golf Course, which remains the only public course in town.

Still in the swing of things...

Hotel closed but Rolling Green Golf Course remains open

By Rebecca Piro

ROLLING GREEN GOLF COURSE manager Bernie Melanson hopes that customers keep on driving — and chipping and putting too.

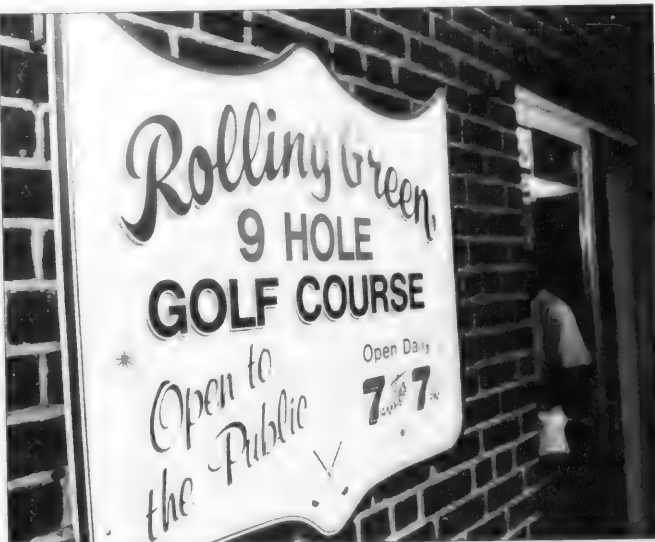
His nine-hole course, hidden behind the now-empty Ramada Rolling Green Inn and Conference Center on Lowell Street, is still open for business, despite the closing of the hotel just more than one week ago. Boston Sports Club, also located down the Rolling Green driveway, is open as well.

The golf course is independent from the hotel and owned by local developer Yvon Cormier, who also owns Andover Country Club. The Rolling Green is the only public course in town.



Art Crow lines up a putt on the ninth hole of the Rolling Green Golf Course.

"It's a beginner's course, but a lot of people who have been playing for a long time still come here," says Melanson of the nine-hole, par-three course. Golfers can play for \$15 — a deal compared to \$75 or



more that Melanson says private clubs can charge.

Still, business has dropped some since the Ramada hotel closed permanently on July 28. "I've noticed it a little bit," says Melanson, who has overseen the green for seven years. "We get a lot of calls to find out if we're still open — a lot of calls."

Charles Long of Methuen is happy that things at Rolling Green are still swinging. "I came to play and was relieved" to see that the course is still open, he says. He plays about once a week. "It's very convenient and it's a nice course. It's par three, so I don't

have to make too much of a fool of myself!" he adds.

The sluggish business could have something to do with the sweltering summer heat, which reached into the 90s for several days last week.

"When it's really hot, like in the 90s, it will keep the golfers away," says Melanson.

Many golfers who do venture onto the course are from other communities, like Mark Wright of Wilmington, who discovered Rolling Green just last week. "I came down at lunch and said, 'Wow, they have a little course here.'"

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I'm glad I found it," he says.

Rolling Green has a pro shop and a driving range as well. The driving range, is not

in tip-top shape, admits Melanson, but he promises future repairs. "It needs to be rebuilt. It's not what it should be," he says.

You won't hear Kevin Waters, an employee at Raytheon — located down the street from Rolling Green — complain. "We split early," he says, gesturing to his co-worker, who was on the next green. "Once you're on the course, nothing else matters."

Melanson is hoping the course will long outlast the now-closed hotel. "I can't guarantee we'll be here forever, but people who see the improvements we're doing hope we'll stay," he says.



Bill Irwin takes aim on the ninth hole of the Rolling Green Golf Course.

Still no takers: Ramada Rolling Green Inn

A few parties have checked into the former Ramada Rolling Green Inn and Conference Center since the former owners checked out, but no one has decided to buy the place and make it a permanent stay.

In May, the hotel announced it would close permanently after 40 years of business, citing tough economic times and growing competition from several new hotels in Andover.

While no one has offered to purchase the hotel, a few parties have expressed interest.

Local developer Yvon Cormier, who owns the adjacent Rolling Green Golf course, has looked into buying the hotel, according to golf course manager Bernie Melanson. Cormier himself did not return phone calls from the *Townsmen* to comment.

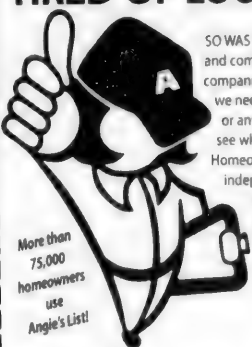
"He did look at it," says Melanson, adding that Cormier is not seriously interested in the property. "It needs a lot of work. He would need to tear it down and build a new hotel."

Town and school officials, who are looking for a place to house students in case the new High Plain and Wood Hill schools aren't open in time, took a quick look at the Ramada some weeks ago. They agreed that the building falls short of too many fire and safety codes to put children there, even temporarily.

Career Education Corp., a private, for-profit post-secondary education company, considered the Rolling Green as a possible expansion site in June. That company has since dismissed the idea, says Steve Colyer, Andover's planning director.

—Rebecca Piro

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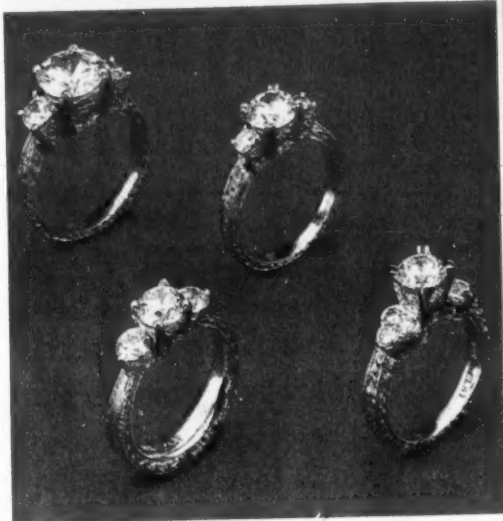
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